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A Hectic World; A Productive Tri-Town

2025 Year in Review

By Sam Bishop

The Year 2025 began with the Mattapoisett Polar Plunge, organized by Keep on Plungin' and hosted since 2013. It was recently canceled for 2026. Nationally, this year was full of a constant barrage of news and negative press. Though we were not devoid of controversy or disagreement, the whole of the Tri-Town saw great progress on many of its projects, some of which had been in the works for decades.

Marion saw the opening of its new Maritime Center, work approved of and beginning on Town House renovations, and the Elizabeth Taber Library seeing many overhauls. There has also been long-awaited progress on the two proposed housing projects, those at 78 Wareham Street (soon to be transferred to Toll Brothers Inc.) and Sherman Briggs' property off Spring Street.

In Mattapoisett, the "village streets project" and its further planning are in full swing. There was also an approved vote to increase the size of the town's Select Board from three to five members.

Rochester has nearly completed the solar array above the parking lot behind Rochester Memorial School. Early in the year, the town also approved funding for Police Department renovations and feasibility funding for a new fire station.

Here are the headline news stories for each of the towns throughout the year, with stories pertaining to the whole of the Tri-Town in the final section.

Above & On the Cover: *The covers of 2025! As we bid farewell to 2025, we look back on all that happened this year. There was a lot in the news cycle, but the good outshines the bad. We are excitedly looking forward to a fantastic 2026 and wish everyone a Happy New Year!*

Marion in 2025

The Sippican Choral Society began rehearsal and practice in January for its 60s Songs for 60 Years anniversary concert, with the society's 60th anniversary concert taking place on May 4 in Wickenden Chapel, Marion.

On February 22, at long last, Marion's new Maritime Center was opened to the public. Principal construction on the facility had begun about a year prior, and this "open house" event allowed members of the public to see inside, although the grand opening was still a few months off. On August 26, the Maritime Center held its official opening ceremony. The ribbon cutting took place about six months after February's open house, with the $3,500,000 facility being fully operational for the past few months. Following the opening, residents across the harbor complained of the center's bright lights shining all night across the water. In late October, a compromise was reached and the lights were dimmed by the Select Board and Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman.

In February, renovations at the Elizabeth Taber

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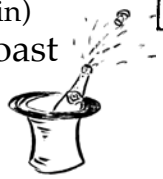

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Library began after an anonymous doner stepped forth in 2024 to allow for Boston-based architect David King to reconfigure the library's existing footprint.

On March 24, renovations at the library were completed with a grand opening attended by State Representative Mark Silva, who presented a congratulatory state citation. The spirit was to maintain the library's historic charm and character while also updating the building's appearance. The 15-week renovation came to an end, and, with it, the identity of the anonymous funder was revealed: local resident Nancy Braitmayer.

Marion's new Department of Public Works building had its large garage doors installed in mid-March, as well as the finishing touches on its HVAC not long after. The 200-foot-long, 72-foot-wide structure was first proposed in 2022 with construction beginning late 2024, and though it has seen some changes and additions to its plans since, it is nearly complete.

On May 12 and May 13, Marion held its Annual Town Meeting. After two long nights of debate and deliberation, the meeting saw the approval of further Town House renovations, still ongoing, and the failure of the creation of an Historic District.

George "TJ" Walker suspended his campaign for a seat on the Marion Select Board to avoid conflict of interest with his successful citizen's petition for the town's investment in road repair and safer sidewalks. Town House employees were relocated to offices at the former Lockheed Martin property during HVAC and ADA-compliance renovations approved at Town Meeting, where residents also voted Marion's resignation from the state's Stretch Building Code and, with it, membership in the state's Green Communities program. The town lacked the two-thirds voter approval required to create an Historic District. With the retirement of Carleton "Toby" Burr, John Hoagland returned to the Select Board via the Town Election, and the year ended with two market-rate housing projects before the Planning Board.

On June 20, the 24th Marion to Bermuda Race was held. Twenty-one boats competed in the biennial race, with the first being held in 1977. The race is typically

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held on the off-year of the Newport to Bermuda Race, itself beginning in 1906 and having completed its 53rd race in 2024. It was *Redwood/Oakcliff*, the Ker 50 sailed by Pike Severance of the Beverly Yacht Club in Marion, that claimed victory on June 25.

On Friday, July 11, Marion was full of song. The Marion Concert Band performed their summer concert "A Young People's Concert" with arrangements focusing on captivating youth with the magic of song at the amphitheater by the Harbormaster building. At the same time, The Buzzards Bay Musicfest took place at Tabor's Fireman Performing Arts Center up the road. The BBMF Swing Band performed various hits from the era of swing and jazz. Marion was flooded with concert goers.

Marion's 2025 Town Party was held at Silvershell Beach on July 24. It happened to be in the midst of days with soaring temperatures, heat advisories and sporadic rainfall, but the weekend was comparably "mild," though still sunny and warm. The party had been moved earlier in the year to avoid the mosquito season, as the previous year's party had to be canceled for this reason.

On August 19, the Elizabeth Taber Library opened their new "makerspace" they're calling "Marion Makes." Now accessible to library patrons are 3D pens, 3D printers, cricut machines, a laser engraver, and others. The Marion Makes equipment was funded by grants and federal funding sources.

On September 1, the Town House was closed and town functions and offices were then moved to the Town House Annex at 14 Barnabas Road, where they are still held as work on the 150-year-old building continues. Construction totals had risen to the approved cost of over $4,000,000. Work is set to conclude sometime in the summer.

Frank McNamee was *The Wanderer's* 2025 Marion Keel Award recipient. Frank and his mother Mary

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founded the Marion Antique Shop in 1974, just recently passing its 50th anniversary. Frank sits as curator of the Sippican Historical Society, having previously been president for around 20 years. McNamee's work included obtaining endowment funds for the Marion Music Hall's restoration/renovation, creating the Memorial Garden on Front Street, creation of the Bandstand by Island Wharf, and renovating the General Store in 2019. The society also purchased the post office on Front Street, which was renovated to match its origin from 1940 with 19th/20th century refurbishment. The 2022 Town House exterior restoration fundraising was also worked on by McNamee. Recently, he has taken up work as a member of the Friends of the Council on Aging. He assisted in the

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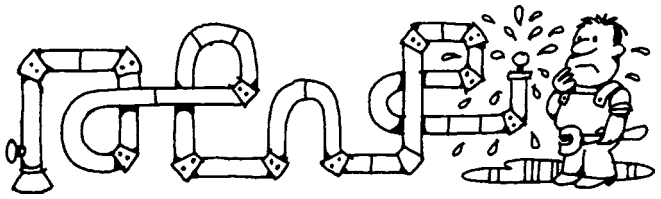

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acquisition of portable, soundproofing, walls to section off event and activity spaces efficiently at the Cushing Community Center as well as working on the antique shop's new auction building.

On Halloween, the annual Marion Art Center Halloween Parade began with the MAC's volunteer witches leading the processions through town. Those who came and participated wore their costumes to march from the Music Hall around town and back again before kids left to trick-or-treat.

At a Special Fall Town Meeting, Marion residents voted on two articles. The long-worked-on Stormwater Management Bylaw, commonly known as MS4, was passed and is still being worked on by the Planning Board for implementation as a town bylaw. The vote on Andrew Daniel's Citizen's Petition to allow for secondary meters was delayed to the 2026 Town Meeting.

Davin Alves of Marion, for the fourth year in a row, held his food drive and raffle. Thanks to the help of locals over the last few years, Davin topped last year's record, and this time raised over $6,000 for local charities and food banks to help those in need during the holiday season. Great work!

Announced in December, the town of Marion had been awarded a study by the state in order to ascertain the residents' desire for and town's potential plans for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) selected Marion for a feasibility study as it sets forth EV initiatives across the state through their "OnStreet Charging Solution Program." Following the survey's completion on December 31, a plan for going forward can be drafted.

On December 14, the Marion Village Christmas Stroll experienced its first snow! Some may have been dissuaded from visiting and Santa's boat may have struggled a bit to dock, but the annual stroll was a typical success nonetheless.

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On February 8, Tri-Town Against Racism held their annual poster contest where school-age children shared their visions of inclusivity, positivity, and the power of art at the event held in the Mattapoisett

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Free Public Library for its fifth year. Seventy students participated with many selecting civil-rights icons as their muse. John Excellent was guest speaker, who told participants and visitors to "Start where you live. I humbly suggest that we all strive to live up to those words."

The latter half of February saw the hunt for Tessa, a five-year-old dog that was spooked and fled from her owners, the Urquhart family of Mattapoisett. Tessa was a street dog in Mexico and had been passed between foster homes before being adopted by Molly Urquhart. A five-day search that enlisted Mattapoisett Animal Control and saw the use of a local thermal-camera drone operator eventually spotted the dog early on the fifth day. Tessa was found and reunited with her owner. She now sports a GPS collar as well, just in case!

In March, we reported on the continuing mission of the 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail. Since 2021, the group has collected 400 bikes and restored and redistributed about 200. Successfully supporting their "Bikes for All" mission, the group continues to collect and restore bikes for use around town and on the trail.

In a chilly April, scenes from *The Weekend on Cape Cod When Everything Changed* were filmed at 3 Goodspeed Island in Mattapoisett. Recently in November, the film's title was changed to *Same Same But Different*. It's currently in post-production without an official release date

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The Mattapoisett Grange Building saw the 50th anniversary of its designation into the National Registry of Historic Places. In April, the owners of the building, now a four-unit condominium complex, were presented with a plaque by the Mattapoisett Historical Commission noting the importance of the building and its inclusion into the national registry. The Italianate-style building was built in the early 1800s and served as a meeting house, school, church, and even a private residence. When it was built, what is now Mattapoisett was a community apart of Rochester.

On May 12, the Mattapoisett Annual Town Meeting took place, where among other things, residents voted to enlarge the Select Board from three to five members. Nikki Demakis, a nearly life-long resident and an active member of the Mattapoisett Democratic Committee, had submitted the Citizen's Petition which was approved by residents. In a subsequent, May 27 meeting, the Mattapoisett Select Board heard support for the measure from a roomful of residents but took no action. A Special Town Meeting vote on October 4 upheld the change to a five-member Select Board, something Town Administrator Mike Lorenco said would be achieved via a staggered process of additions.

In July, an informational panel was installed at Center School by the Mattapoisett Historical Society. The 36-inch-wide, 30-inch-high panel sits on a metal beam planted into the ground, telling the story of the Center School's founding, including pictures provided by the historical society that depict much of the building's history. This was similar to other "Historically Speaking..." panels planned for around town, like at Town Wharf.

In a continuing tradition since 1971, Mattapoisett Independence Day Road Race was held on July 4. It was clear and sunny, though there was a cool breeze from the sea. The days before brought with them devastating winds and widespread power outages. Due to this, there was some delay to the races start. In the end, 1,336 racers crossed the finish line at Shipyard Park.

In the usual fashion, Harbor Days was held at Shipyard Park the weekend of July 19. Nearly 100 different vendors came to the 44th such event, hosted by the Mattapoisett Lions Club. On July 30, the Mattapoisett Town Band's 125 years concert was held at Shipyard Park. The band and concert received recognition from the House of Representatives and the governor.

On July 29, there was a manatee sighting in Mattapoisett on the Mattapoisett Rail Trail. Local Erin Carr explained she and her friends were out on a run when they began crossing the bridge over Eel Pond. There they were stopped by a man walking his dog along the path. The man told the running friends of an "unusual mass" he observed not far from shore. Carr and co. eventually discovered the "mass" was a beached manatee.

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The Harbormaster and Mattapoisett Police were notified, but upon the police's arrival, the officers stated nothing should be done until wildlife experts arrived. Before they could show, the tide rose, and the manatee was back out to sea.

On August 7, the Mattapoisett Museum and the Mattapoisett Land Trust hosted their annual Great Community Picnic at Mattapoisett's Munro Preserve. The table with the winning decorations was Table 5, Disney Princesses.

Kevin Tavares was *The Wanderer's* 2025 Mattapoisett Keel Award recipient. In his decade of administration that followed his 20 classroom years, the former principal of Old Hammondtown School made it his mission to know each and every student that walked the halls. He began student-teaching at the school in 1982 and later became a full school education there in 1994. He became union president not long after, serving in that role for 18 of 20 teaching years. He would later become principal, having worked with Rose Bowman. Tavares said, "If you look at the staff [at Center and Old Hammondtown schools], the teachers that are there have been there for a long time. They come, they stay. When they're fortunate enough to get the job, they stay. I would imagine three quarters of the staff's been there at least 20 years... great place to teach."

On September 23, Doctor Edward Hoffer gave a talk at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. The presentation was titled "Navigating Dementia," and sought to inform the public of not only how to prevent dementia, but also how to maintain a healthy and active mind. The room was packed, as Hoffer explained that dementia is a symptom, not a diagnosis. About 7,000,000 in the United States live with dementia, being 4% of those over age 65, 11% of those over 75, and 20% over 85. The main takeaway from the talk was to focus on early prevention wherever possible. Eliminate unnecessary risks like inactivity and smoking, and keep your brain, and your body, moving. There may be no cure, but dementia can be defeated with avoidance. Treatments have and continue to get better and more accessible.

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held their October Frightfully Fun Film Fest, where a classic Halloween/scary movie was played every Tuesday leading up to Halloween.

The national No Kings Protests found their way to Mattapoisett on October 18. Rallies held across Massachusetts and the country were to demonstrate against what a large number of people called Donald Trump's authoritarian king-like rule as President. Organizers pushed for action by the state legislature to limit the federal government's impact on local communities.

On November 29, Marino Carreiro and his wife Grace greeted guests and onlookers at the grand opening of their annual light exhibit at 59 Acushnet Road in Mattapoisett. The Carreiro house becomes a popular destination in town in the early days of winter, with Marino spending a good portion of the year assembling the spectacle. While he expects to wind down and do a little less in the years to come, this 10th anniversary showing was a great holiday kickoff.

Three hundred Santas ran through Mattapoisett for the Santa Stampede 5K, running from Shipyard Park up to Ned's Point and back. Proceeds of the race were donated to various Multiple Sclerosis foundations.

On December 4, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shared with the town that 25% of the design of the Transportation Improvement Project (TIP), dubbed "village streets project," was complete. The town says the proposed project consists of reconstruction of Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road. The construction will also include new concrete sidewalks on at least one side of the road.

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Rochester in 2025

On May 1, the groundbreaking of the new Raynor Gifford Park took place. The new park is at 13 Mary's Pond Road in Rochester; $81,724.68 was used for the inclusion of swings, slides, a Cyclo Cone Climber, a balance beam, some benches, and more. There were some concerns raised when the organization Tri-Town for Protecting Children donated half of the funds used for the park, with the other half being from the town's

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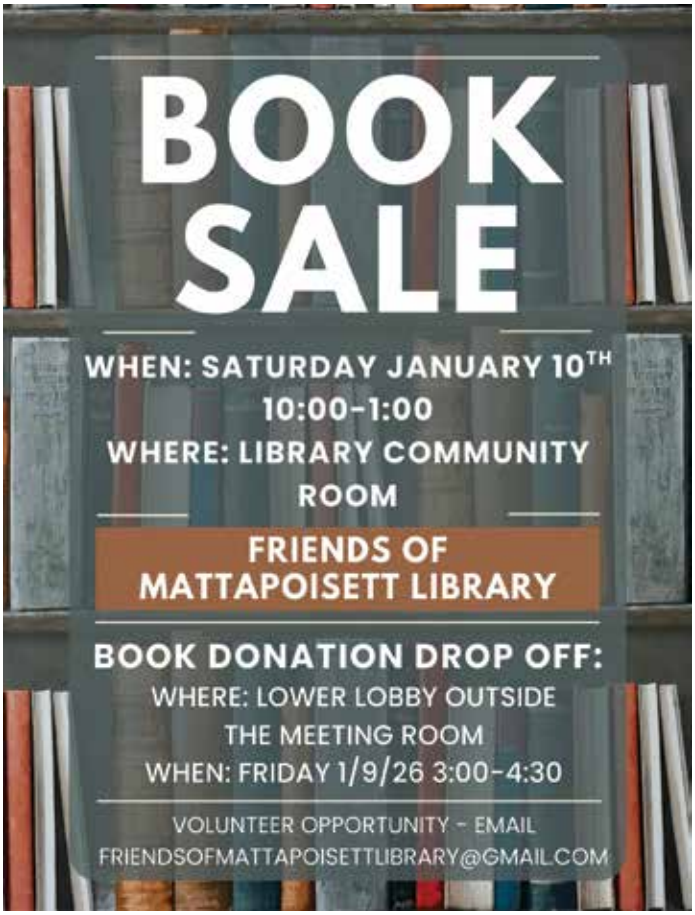
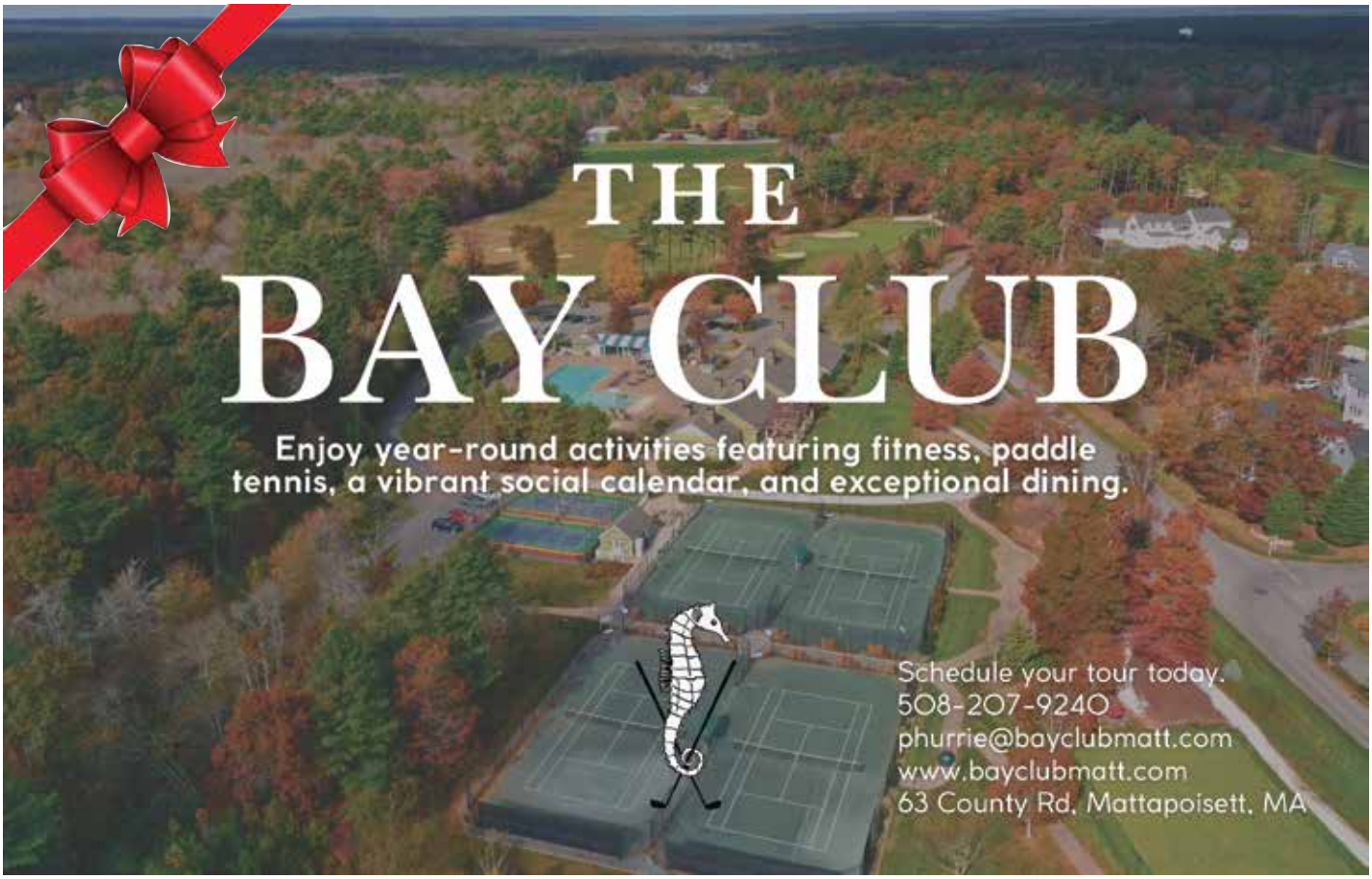
On Memorial Day in Rochester, along with their procession held the day before, the annual Memorial Day Boat Race embarked from Grandma Hartley's Pond down the Mattapoisett River to its crossing point at Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The 12-mile-long race began at 8:30 am, with the first kayaks passing the finish line about two hours later.

Right around graduation season, former Rochester Memorial School teacher and Rochester and

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Old Rochester School Committee Chair Sharon Hartley retired from education after more than 50 years of service. Hartley's career started as an elementary school teacher at Rochester Memorial School, teaching from 1973 to 1988. After earning her Master's in Education and working for the state Department of Education, Hartley worked in other schools as a principal until returning to the Tri-Town in 2005, when she was elected to the Rochester Memorial School Committee. In 2007, she was appointed to the Rochester Building Committee.

On July 3, a severe thunderstorm hit most of Massachusetts. In a matter of hours, tens of thousands across southern New England, New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey were without power. Nearly 50,000 were without power across the state. The entire town of Rochester was included in this. Throughout Independence Day, many waited as power slowly came back on. Eversource reported power in Rochester had been totally restored on July 5.

Michelle Kirby and Andres Hammerman were *The Wanderer's* 2025 Rochester Keel Award recipients. The husband-and-wife team are the main force behind the effort to preserve the health and water quality of Snows Pond. Michelle and Andy were married on a raft on the pond. After noticing diminishing water qualities, they formed the Snows Pond Association in 2018, with 11 members out of the 15 property owners around the pond. Members test the water quality on a weekly basis, looking at oxygen levels and temperature. Once a month, they send samples to the University of Rhode Island for nutrient testing. Their future goals include helping facilitate the formation of similar groups at other ponds.

There was a Woodland Walk for Mushrooms on September 13 at Shoolman Preserve. The land is jointly administered by the Rochester Land Trust and Mattapoisett Land Trust, though the event was hosted by the Marion Natural History Museum. Adam Korejwa, graduate from UMass Dartmouth and Oregon State University, walked visitors through the 1 mile hike to spot locals mushrooms and fungi. Russula, bolete, mycena, various honey, some oysters, and collybia were all spotted.

In August, Rochester Planning Board approved a Site Plan Review and Special Permit for construction of a solar array in the parking lot of Rochester Memorial School. The large panels had been suspended above the parking lot by September, with teachers now able to park under them. Construction was scheduled to be completed by December, with an official announcement still yet to be seen as of the time of writing.

Rochester voters, at their Special Town Meeting held on November 18, voted against a $288,000,000 Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School building project and a debt exclusion to fund the town's $24,000,000 share of that cost. Meantime, the town's brain trust continued to search for ways to shave costs off a new fire station proposed for the fairgrounds across the street from the longtime, existing station and Rochester Memorial School.

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Tri-Town in 2025

On February 8, Marion Scout Pack 32 was featured on NBC10 at the Klondike Derby at Camp Yawgoog in Hopkinton, Rhode Island. This event also heralded Scouting America's 115th anniversary, recently incorporating both genders into a unified programming structure.

On March 12, some Tri-Town students competed in the YMCA New England Championship at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Noella, a 10-year-old fifth grader

(now a sixth grader) from Rochester finished second among age 9-10 swimmers in the 100 Butterfly and third in the 50 Butterfly. Ava Gagliardi of Rochester had a sixth-place finish in the 50 Backstroke. Also in the age 9-10 session, Charlie Hall, a nine-year-old, third grader from Mattapoisett, finished fourth in the 100 Freestyle, eighth in the 50 Freestyle, and fourth in the 50 Breaststroke. The Wareham Riptides' 8 & Under squad had an exceptional performance as a group, the boys placing fifth, the girls seventh and the age group overall placing fourth. The 8 & Under Boys Freestyle and Medley Relay teams of Sam Reece (Rochester), Peter Voci (Marion), Oliver Hancock (Plymouth), and Henrik Obrebski (Rochester) both took third place, and the 15 & Over boys' relay team of Liam McGee (Marion), Zach Travis (Wareham), Riley Karo (Marion), and Jake Iappini (Marion) broke the Gleason YMCA's 200 Medley and the 400 Freestyle records. A great showing from the Tri-Town's swimmers.

Old Rochester Regional High School unveiled their Alumni Wall in May which pays tribute to the first classes to attend the school, those being the classes of 1962-1965. About 30 alumni from those years attended the unveiling.

On Memorial Day, May 26, all of the Tri-Town saw special ceremonies. At Marion's Music Hall, a remembrance ceremony began with the reading of the Gettysburg Address, continued with a march up Front Street featuring Sippican School's marching band and

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concluded with the annual gathering at Old Landing. At Mattapoisett's Center School, a similar ceremony was held with a performance by the Showstoppers. In Rochester, along with their procession held the day before, the annual Memorial Day Boat Race was held.

In late-August, the Old Rochester Regional High School disc golf course was opened. The nine-hole course is a work in progress, but the layout was finalized and the course is fully playable to the public. Andrew Apperson, coach of the school's disc golf team, informed me the course will eventually be added to the UDisc online database.

On September 15, plans for a new Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School building were unveiled. The estimated project cost was $288,743,683, which nearly half would be covered by MSBA funds with the rest being divided between serviced towns, Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. The estimated impact for the average single-family home would have been $161.72/quarterly. Eventually, the five towns held a multi-town special election on November 18. The proposition failed, with 1,923 in favor and 3,112 against.

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On November 23, nearly 300 seniors came to the 32nd ORRJHS Annual Tri-Town Thanksgiving Banquet. The event is planned by the Mattapoisett Council on Aging and was open to all seniors in the Tri-Town, making about 100 from each town.

The Old Rochester Youth Football & Cheer (ORYF) Pee Wee Cheerleading Team headed to nationals in December. They earned their spot at the 2025 Pop Warner Cheer & Dance Nationals in Charlotte, North Carolina. They placed 3rd in Pee Wee Level 1 - Medium B on December 11.

Farewell to 2025

Well, somehow, we find ourselves a quarter of the way through the 21st century. Whether we are to wind up like *Star Trek* or *Blade Runner*, it's still tough to tell! On November 21, *The Wanderer* Celebrated its 33 1/3-year anniversary with our first edition published on July 24, 1992. For a third of a century, this paper has covered Tri-Town events through trials and tribulations. Much has

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changed and much has stayed the same, but the value of journalism has never been so apparent. As we look ahead to the next third of a century, we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and readership. *The Wanderer* exists because of you, and we eagerly anticipate serving as your Tri-Town newspaper for many more years. Thank you for reading and for making the Tri-Town so special and a joy to report on.

Winter: Gardener's Recovery Mode

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

It is hard to get excited about gardening at this time of the year, when everything's washed out. The view is limited to bare branches, lichen-covered stone walls and firs. The brown/green/gray palette is somber and, although it can move me, it's just not as stimulating as a June bustin-out-all-over border.

Still, it's hard to shut off the desire for gardening. I'm offering a dozen ways to endure the winter - a survival guide - if you will, for the gardener without a place to dig.

1. January is the ideal time to start a garden journal. Your gardening successes and failures of the previous season are still fresh for recording, and you can plan for the upcoming growing season. Jot down ideas, paste clippings you've been saving into a book, plain or fancy. Like the little notebook you kept in chemistry lab 101 this is where you will record your gardening experiments - your successes and failures. You might think you'll remember how you got the apple tree to produce a good crop, or what brand of tomato tasted best, but you really won't unless you write it down. This is the place to document, design and dream!

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2. The ground is frozen - true, but you can still dress your borders with compost if you haven't yet. Stoke up your compost pile with some seaweed, delivered daily to your local beach. If you want manure, call up a farm near you. Chances are they'll be more than willing to put you on the receiving end!

3. Get exotic - attend the Cape and Islands Orchid Society's (CAIOS) Orchid Show. The event will take place on January 24 and January 25 at the Emerald Resort & Hyport Conference Center in Hyannis. The displays are dazzling to say the least and includes a sale of orchid plants and supplies along with mini-workshops.

4. If you didn't finish (or start) planting the bulbs you bought, put them in a fridge for a couple of months and force them in pots. Among the most popular spring flowering bulbs for indoor use are hyacinths, crocuses, daffodils and other narcissi, irises and tulips. Most require storage for 10 to 13 weeks or more at temperatures of 32-to-48 degrees before forcing.

5. Catch up on reading - all those articles saved, the new books received at Christmas or those you set aside. Acquaint yourself with the various websites devoted to gardening. It's a good time to trash the old publications, saving any pertinent articles. If you don't have a file, perhaps you should create one just for gardening. It will come in handy, you wait and see.

6. Can't stay out of the garden? Learn to split wood. I did and if I can do it anyone can! It will help work off the holiday bulge - right away (Don't try this alone but get an experienced chopper to supervise at first).

7. Plan your spring and summer gardening strategies. Or plan your new landscape. It's the perfect time for viewing the bones of your landscape, without the distractions of color and multifarious fillers.

8. Refresh your houseplants. Time for repotting, pinching, trimming, fertilizing, tending, and in some cases, revamping. Use a small brush - a silky paintbrush to "polish" leaves or a soft-tooth brush to dust fuzzy-leafed plants. And when it's time to recycle a plant, do so. No point keeping a limp, lifeless hunk of greenery around if it doesn't do what you want it to. [I'm actually trying to revive an aloe that was subjected to a couple of freezing nights... we shall see!]

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9. Try this experiment. Using three identical plants with identical light and watering schedules, expose them to different forms of music - one classical, one rock and one without music. See which fares better. Who does your plant prefer: Beethoven or Bad Bunny.

10. If you suffer from gardening hands, then it's time for some TLC, as in a proper manicure and an effective treatment for those cracked, dried-out palms. Take the trouble to fuss a little over yourself, just as you would over your favorite rose bush.

11. Later in winter start seeds indoors under lights. My aerogarden - a hydroponic system for growing lettuce, herbs and other plants - will come out of storage

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12. Last but not least, start shopping for your spring and summer plants from the many catalogs. They are already beginning to trickle in.

"That time of year thou mayst in me behold
When yellow leaves, or none, or few do hang
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,
Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang..."
-Sonnet 73, William Shakespeare

Are you Taking too Many Pills?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

90% of Americans 65 and older take at least one prescription medication. Half take 4 or more and 15% take 8 or more. The number of medications taken rises with age.

Add to that the many over-the-counter (OTC) pills such as pain relievers, acid suppressors and supplements that people take, and we are talking about a lot of medications.

While most of these are probably needed, some are not and some are harmful to your health.

There are many reasons people take medication they should not be using. A common reason is that we see many doctors, and each may be unaware of what the others are prescribing. This can lead to duplication – two pills with very similar actions – or to harmful interactions between medications.

Many medications are particularly dangerous to older people. These include muscle relaxants, sedatives and antihistamines, which can lead to dizziness and falls and/or confusion. A very valuable resource in this area is the Beers list of medications that may be harmful to older individuals, maintained by the American Geriatrics Society. It is easily available on-line – just Google "Beers list."

While medicine has very few "always" or "never" rules, if you find that you are taking medication(s) on the Beers list, ask your doctor about this. You may be healthier stopping them.

I often saw patients taking two different strengths of the same medication. Clearly the dose was changed but the person did not know they were to stop the original pill, and the pharmacy kept refilling both.

There are numerous drug-drug interactions, many dangerous. One pill may affect the way the body handles another, leading to higher than safe levels of one or both. When they are prescribed by the same practitioner, a good electronic record will pick this up, but this will not happen if the prescribers do not share a common record.

If you have a primary care doctor, a valuable visit is the "brown bag visit." Put ALL your medications, including OTC pills, in a bag and let your doctor review what you are taking. You may be surprised to find how many should be stopped.

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A Move On Quebec

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay. Last week, Colonel Henry Knox began the trek back to Cambridge with artillery from Ticonderoga, 1200 Americans under Colonel Benedict Arnold and Brigadier General Richard Montgomery are outside Quebec, ready

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to strike the city, and the Continental Congress authorized General George Washington to assault Boston at his discretion.

On December 24, 1775, the issues with food and supplies faced by the army seem to never dissipate. The General Orders, issued by Washington, seek to further enforce food rationing by allowing the following to each soldier through the winter: corned beef and pork, four days in a week; salt fish; one day; fresh beef, two days; "as milk cannot be procured during the winter season, the men are to have one pound and a half of Beef, or eighteen ounces of pork per day." They are also allowed rice, beer, butter, peas, beans, onions, and whatever else is available, though supplies dwindle, especially in the cold. Generally, it is not enough for any active soldier, though it is all they can spare.

Many soldier's contracts are up on January 1, meaning a mass shortage of troops occurring at the beginning of the new year. This exit is to include Major General Philip Schuyler in Albany and General Richard Montgumery, currently outside Quebec City. Both Schuyler and Montgomery had written to the Continental Congress in recent days, expressing their desire to leave the army. Washington writes to Schuyler on December 24, saying, "I am very sorry to find by several paragraphs, that both you and General Montgomery incline to quit the service - let me ask you sir, when is the time for brave men to exert themselves in the cause of liberty and

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8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Bill MacDougall
9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews
10:30 AM Rochester Historical Society - Cemeteries, Genealogy, & the Revolutionary War
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM MAC Jazz Jam
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs! with David Green
9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Early Life of Humpback Whales
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday January 2, 2026
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
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10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
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7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
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9:00 PM A Conversation With…
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
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11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday January 3, 2026
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 AM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Christmas Concert
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:30 AM Tri-Town Christmas Events
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:30 PM The Human Truth - with Chuck McIntyre
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Bill MacDougall
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - From Submarine Vents to Life on Other Ocean Worlds!
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrocast - with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 PM A Conversation with…
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday January 4, 2026
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:00 AM Tri-Town Veteran's Day Events
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
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1:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
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8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Shift
10:30 AM A Conversation With…
11:00 AM For Your Health
11:30 AM Money Matters
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
3:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory
6:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Women's Involvement in the History of Preservation in New England
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Early Life of Humpback Whales
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund
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Tuesday January 6, 2026
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health: Stress
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus On Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
5:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
6:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - 100 years of the Herreshoff H-12
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday January 7, 2026
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With…
3:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Fairhaven
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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Marion Planning Board
11:00 AM Marion Water and Sewer
1:00 PM Marion School Committee
2:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
3:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Committee
4:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
5:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
6:00 PM Marion Board of Health
6:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
9:30 PM Marion Planning Board
11:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer

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3:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
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10:30 PM ORR School Committee
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9:30 AM ORRJHS Winter Concert
11:00 AM Center School Holiday Concert
11:30 AM RMS Chorus Concert
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Bulldog Sports
1:30 PM ORRJHS Winter Concert
4:00 PM Old Hammondtown Winter Concert
5:00 PM RMS Winter Concert
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
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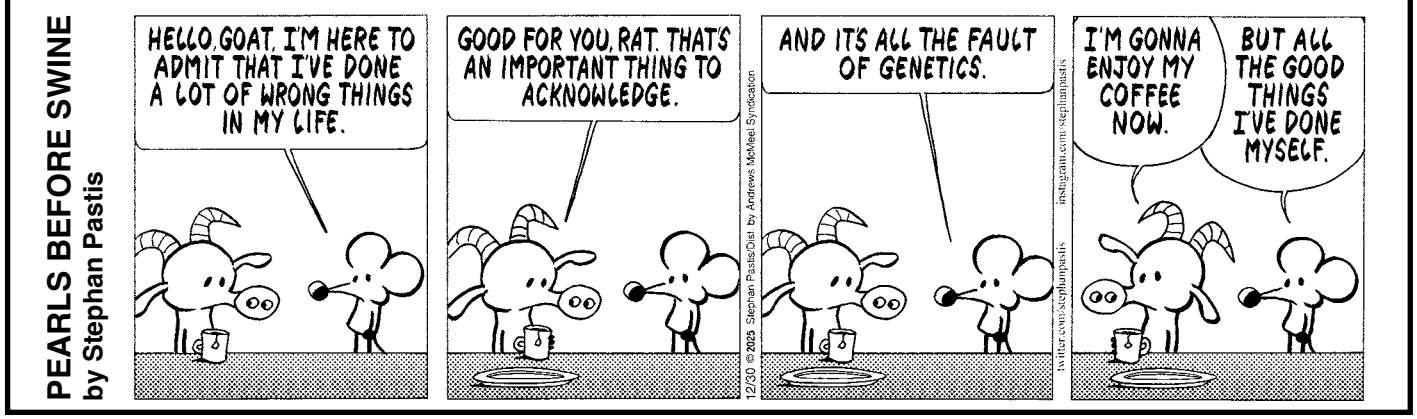
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis
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their country, if this is not?" In his pleading message, Washington states he too is facing great stresses, saying "but we must bear up against them, and make the best of mankind as they are." He doesn't have much to offer besides words, and concludes, "Let me therefore conjure you and Mr. Montgomery to lay aside such thoughts - thoughts injurious to yourselves and excessively so to your country which calls aloud for gentlemen of your abilities." To lose these two men would imperil any operation in the north, Washington thinks. The next week will change things.

It's Christmas, and Washington spends much of the day at his table, working and rampantly drafting letters. To John Hancock and Congress, he urgently requests the expedition of payments to troops as well as further highlighting the lack of gunpowder and ammunitions. He also warns of various plots by Loyalists to disrupt supply and postal shipments.

Speaking of Loyalist plots, on December 26, Washington writes to Virginia politician Richard Henry Lee, warning him of letters he has intercepted intended from Lord John Dunmore to General William Howe. Washington warns of "his diabolical schemes," which would involve arming the enslaved to rise up in rebellion. This plan by the British is not of anti-slavery, as they are slavers themselves, but merely a way to disrupt the southern colonies.

On December 28, similarly to what he did to Schuyler and Montgomery, Washington makes an appeal to honor and patriotism. Referring to their tenure expiring in less than a Week, he says, "the General recommends to them to consider, what may be the consequence of their abrupt departure from the lines; should any accident happen to them, before the new army gets greater strength, they not only fix eternal disgrace upon themselves as soldiers, but inevitable ruin perhaps upon their country & families." He also offers reenlisting troops to option to choose their company. The day prior, he ordered all new recruits to Cambridge to bolster numbers around Boston, fearing a potential collapse of the lines come January 1.

By December 30, it had been snowing on and

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OBITUARIES

Suzanne M. (Zajac) Whitehead, 79 of Rochester passed away peacefully, December 21 at Saint Luke's Hospital surrounded by her loving family. Suzanne was predeceased by her loving husband of 47 years, Paul B. Whitehead.

Born in New Bedford and raised in Acushnet, Suzanne was the daughter of the late Thaddeus J.H and Doris R. (Dupre) Zajac. In 1978, she moved to Rochester where she resided until her passing.

Suzanne earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Bridgewater State College. She worked as a teacher in the Acushnet Public School System for 37 years, spending almost all of those years in the third grade, which she loved.

Suzanne was a loving wife, sister, mother, aunt, and grandmother. There is nothing she wouldn't do for her family. She cherished the time spent with her grandson, Lachlan, and always had a huge smile on her face when they were together. Sue and Lachlan enjoyed baking and decorating gingerbread cookies. Lachlan always knew that a visit to Grandma's house meant that he would be waited on like a prince and showered with delicious treats.

Suzanne shared an extraordinary and loving relationship with her sister and best friend, Paula, which was a constant source of happiness for her. Sue looked forward to their nightly phone calls. These conversations were filled with care, humor, and support that reflected the deep connection they shared.

A devout Catholic whose faith was the foundation of her life, Suzanne was deeply involved in her parish over the years, serving in many capacities including eucharistic minister, lector, and parish council member. She also volunteered at the annual barbeque, first coordinating and making the children's games, and later working at the auction table and helping wherever it was needed. Suzanne's quiet dedication, strong sense of community, and willingness to serve reflected her deep love for her faith and her parish family, leaving a lasting impact on all who worshiped and served alongside her. In 2018 Suzanne was honored with the Cheverus Award, given by the Archdiocese of Boston to recognize individuals "for their quiet, humble, and significant service to the Church and its people."

Suzanne was blessed with many dear friendships, which she deeply cherished. She loved to reminisce about the happy times spent with each of them, sharing memories from her youth, such as times at the Cape house and ski chalet with friends who remained close to her throughout her life.

Suzanne was also a wonderful baker, who enjoyed sharing her homemade treats with those that she cared for, each as beautiful as it was delicious. Her brownies, lemon squares, chocolate cake, frosted lemon cookies, and cranberry bread are just a few of the delicious creations that came out of her kitchen over the years. Each year her friends and relatives looked forward to her elaborate basket of Christmas baked goodies, which she would gift to those she cared for most.

She is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Cyr and her husband Tyler of Lakeville; a sister, Paula Lambalot and her husband Charlie of Carver; her sister-in-law Joan Pepin and her husband David of Rochester; her brother-in law, James Whitehead and his wife Joanne of New Bedford; a grandson, Lachlan Cyr, and 8 nieces and nephews.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, January 2nd at 9 am at St. Rose of Lima Church, 282 Vaughan Hill Rd., Rochester. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visiting hours are omitted.

Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For full obituary and online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Bernard R. Loranger, aged 82, of Fairhaven, MA, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2025, at his son's home in Marion,surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of Christine Lodge, and the son of the late T. Theodore and M. Constance (Letendre) Loranger of New Bedford.

In addition to his wife, Bernard is survived by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Catherine (Loranger) and David Cooper of Lakeville; his beloved son and daughter-in-law, Christian and Aileen Loranger of St. John, USVI; his stepson, Andrew Lodge and his wife, Sarah, of Aspen, CO; his step-daughter, Meredith Smith and her husband, Justin, of Fairhaven; his adoring grandchildren Naomi Cooper, Nolan Cooper, Blythe Loranger and Lirin Loranger; his step-grandchildren, Ruthie Smith, Stella Lodge and Cameron Smith; and his brothers, Robert Loranger and Theodore Loranger; as well as several dear cousins, nieces and nephews.

Bernard attended St. Anthony's Grammar School and Holy Family High School in New Bedford, MA, before enlisting in the US Army National Guard. He served in the First Battalion, 211th Field Artillery from 1964-1969 as an MOS Forward Observer, Fire Direction Officer and Battery Commander, earning the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

Bernard was a member of the Sheet Metal Trade Local 501 in New Bedford, initially working for Universal Roofing and Capeway Sheet Metal, and eventually entering into a partnership to establish and operate Grelor Mechanical Associates in East Freetown as proprietor. In his later years, he worked for Cranlor Company.

Bernard was known by many names over the years such as Ben, Beno, and Bernie, but his favorite, by far, was Pépère. He was at his happiest when with his family. He never missed an athletic event, recital, play or concert and loved to keep up with the lives of his children and grandchildren. He

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off for a week. A blinding nor'easter had again blown over Quebec City. Supplies, moral, and temperatures are dangerously low, all while smallpox is rampant through the American camp. Time for the siege is running out, as the Americans have no ability to starve the city out before reinforcements can arrive once the Saint Lawrence River thaws. There is also the fact that much of the army's contract was up in two days. Brigadier General Montgomery gives orders to move on the city. That night, the struggling army advances towards the city walls.

What's Up There?

Astronomy Update for January

By Sam Bishop

2026 starts off with a supermoon! On January 3, the full moon is known as the "Old Moon," and the "Wolf Moon." It's also one of three supermoons this year, with the next not being until November. This month also offers good views of Jupiter and Saturn.

The Quadrantids Meteor Shower will peak on January 3 and January 4, producing an impressive 40-meteors-per-hour. The brightness of the supermoon will make these meteors tougher to spot, however. The meteors of this shower are thought to be from the likely-extinct comet 2003 EH1, discovered in 2003. Or was it? It is thought this comet is related to the comet C/1490 Y1 which exploded over China in 1490 and was observed by East Asian astronomers at the time.

The comet 24P/Schaumasse will reach its closest point to the Sun in its orbit on January 8. It's visible close to the horizon for a few days, only to head back out, returning in about eight years.

The Beehive Star Cluster will be visible this month near the Moon. The 700-million-year-old cluster contains over 1,000 stars.

There is a new moon on January 18, making this the perfect time to star-watch. There will be a smaller meteor shower, the y-Ursae Minorid Meteor Shower, peaking the next day on January 19. This one only produces about 3-to-4 meteors per hour, however.

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Flammable Tanks Draw Concerned Abutters

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

In a room with abutters expressing serious concerns about the plan, the Rochester Select Board on Monday reviewed a request for a Flammable Fluid License from Bristol Asphalt, Inc. to store liquid asphalt at 99 Kings Highway.

The plan is to place 300-ton liquid asphalt tanks into three vertical silos on the site, explained business owner Gerry Lorusso. Abutters and their attorney, environmental lawyer George F. Hailer, took issue with how much of a nuisance and fire hazard these tanks would impose on their residential neighborhood.

The Select Board decided to continue the hearing to its January 20 meeting in order to seek the input of the state Fire Marshal and invite Town Counsel to that meeting, responding directly to what both sides had to say.

Town Administrator Cameron Durant started the hearing by reporting the town recently received a letter from the abutters' attorney detailing their complaints and concerns about the tanks. Project developer Steve Beltz, attending the meeting on Zoom, was quick to note the operation has gone through the long permitting process and the tanks were always part of the site plan.

Lorusso explained the tanks will contain a mix of sand, stone and liquid asphalt. The mixture's flash point,

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enjoyed socializing with members of every generation, whether meeting new friends at his favorite restaurants with his sweetheart, Christine, or partying with his son and daughter and their friends. He greatly enjoyed boating on Buzzards Bay and Long Pond, snow skiing and après ski activities in the mountains near North Conway and reading books or watching movies about WWII and U.S. Presidents. He created wonderful memories for so many at the cottage on Long Pond and was a past member of the Beach Club Water Skiers' Association. Bernard made a lasting impact on others by sharing his loving personality, his sense of humor and his smile.

Calling hours for Bernard will be held at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Road in Mattapoisett, on Friday, January 2, 2026, from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 1359 Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford, on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at 9:00 A.M., please meet directly at church, followed by a Committal Ceremony at the Riverside Cemetery, 274 Main Street in Fairhaven, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bernard's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of **Jean "Jeanie" Rose**, who left us peacefully on December 23 at the age of 75. She was a beloved mother, family member, friend, community activist and will be profoundly missed by all who knew her.

Jean was born on March 9, 1950 in Wareham to Henry Benjamin Tavares and Bertha (Pires) Tavares. She grew up in Rochester, MA and graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School in 1968 where she was voted Class Clown of her graduating class. She also completed several certificate courses including paralegal studies at Fisher College and a Clemente Course in Humanities at UMASS Dartmouth.

Jean dedicated her professional life to a nursing/caregiving career, working at various agencies and for individuals for over 25 years. In her early career she worked for New England Telephone as an operator. In 1981 she drove her family across the country to Colorado for a fresh start. There she was employed by the Arapahoe County Sheriff Department, Intrawest Bank of Denver and worked additional jobs to support her children as a single parent. Upon returning to Massachusetts in 1987, she worked in the fast food business, Department of Revenue, and with women in a domestic violence center. In the early 90's she moved to Washington DC to work as a paralegal. She returned to Massachusetts and began working in the healthcare industry as a CNA and ultimately retired as a PCA. She was a foster parent and a big sister for a number of years as well. She was a strong advocate for child support enforcement laws. She had the opportunity to testify to the US Congress and was present when Governor Weld signed into legislation strict enforcement around child support (specifically aiming to track down absent parents and making child support a priority). She will be remembered for hard-working nature, diligence, dedication to her family and her social justice nature.

Beyond her professional achievements, Jeanie volunteered as a baby nurse to babies born with an addiction. She was a radio host on WBSM. Jean was a long time volunteer of the Onset Cape Verdean Festival Association and a member of the $100 Club. She was an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church where she would cook food, volunteer time to food pantry, bazaar and travel with her church community on several site-seeing trips to the Mid-Atlantic. She was happiest cooking or baking for family and friends.

Jeanie was known as the family ambassador. She was the go-between for the numerous clans in our vast family. She travelled to Mexico and the Caribbean and on her first cruise with Liz and subsequently with Christine earlier this year. She travelled with Eddie to Florida several times as well. Jeanie was happiest in her kitchen or at the beach. She has always been active from bike riding until her hip replacement in 2014, jazzercise, water aerobics and in these most recent years, yoga and pilates.

Jeanie is survived by her loving children: Christine Rose and Courtneay Small (partner) of Mattapan, MA; Elizabeth Siggers and David Siggers (husband) of Milton, MA; Marla Rose of New Bedford, MA and Edward Rose Jr of Rochester, MA. She was also a cherished sibling of Barbara Sullivan of Marion, MA and Maryellen Gomes of Marietta, GA. She was the beloved grandmother to Mikel, Marquise, Ominique, Alexis and Ronae (great niece) and stepdaughter Ashley (Stevie) Hailey. Jeanie, fondly known as Yayee to the following great grandchildren Markel, Kyh-el, Pharaoh, Cameron and Chloe Hailey. She was the mother/grandmother figure to many others.

She was preceded in death by her siblings Julieanne Lopes of New Bedford, MA and Benjamin Tavares of New Bedford, MA.

A funeral service was held at Calvary Pentecostal Church, 33 Braley Rd., Freetown, MA on Saturday, December 27, 202. The repast was held at Marion Social Club, Marion 44 Pumping Station Rd., Marion, MA following service.

The family requests that donations be dedicated to Jean Rose's memory at https://gifts.mdanderson.org/ and directed to James P. Allison Institute. The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center P.O. Box 4486 Houston, Texas 77210-4486.

Arrangements by Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham. For directions or to leave a message of condolence visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com

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i.e. flammable temperature, is 250 degrees, he said. In comparison, household heating fuel tanks have a lower flash point. He added he has operated other liquid asphalt tank operations and has never had a fire problem.

Neighbors remained concerned. Abutter Linda Westgate asked why two asphalt plants need to be side by side in that neighborhood. "If something, an explosion, happens there, we're gone," she said. "It's too much. You're taking over our neighborhood."

Fellow abutter Jan Bergeron said she has a four-year-old daughter and worries about the safety of her road with its traffic of speeding trucks. "I try to walk down by road but can't," she said. "Something should be done for that part of Rochester."

Hailer, the neighbors' attorney, said for years they've gone to court to prevent this operation from being built. "It's an ultra-hazardous situation," he said. "These neighbors are ground-zero. There are no buffer zones here."

Beltz countered that the location of these tanks has been settled for years and litigated against without success. Durant said that according to town counsel the 1,000-foot buffer the neighbors request in their letter is not a legal requirement. Chair Adam Murphy emphasized that this is a hearing for the tanks only, not the permits for the operation. He pointed out that if the town denied the permits for the tanks the company would store the asphalt mix in trailers. It would be more safely stored in the tanks. He said the state fire marshal has dubbed them safe. He promised, however, to work on the problem of speeding trucks in the area with the Police Chief and that speed counter machines will be placed in that area soon.

Durant ended the discussion by recommending the continuance to allow time for the state Fire Marshal's input on the safety factor.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, January 5, at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

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TriTown Happenings

Forty-five hearty souls turned out for the Helping Hands and Hooves Christmas Day Swim and raised about $1,500. It was cold but it was great to have so many families come out to celebrate together and raise money for Helping Hands and Hooves. Photos courtesy Debbi Dyson

Ned's Point from a different perspective. Photo courtesy Ellen Scholter

Mattapoisett Harbor. Photo by Jennifer Shepley

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Academic Achievements

Lucas Pothier of Rochester was named to the Dean's List at Cedarville University for Fall 2025. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.50 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Jacob Pothier of Rochester was named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University for Fall 2025. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The next meeting of the Rochester Republican Town Committee will be at 6:30 pm, on Monday, January 12, at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club in Acushnet. You do not have to be a member of RRTC to attend. Bring a friend and stay updated on the area's current events.

Movie Review

Resnake

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Anaconda.* Starring Jack Black and Paul Rudd. Directed by Tom Gormican. Running time: 99 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.**

Anaconda is a depressing "comedy" in which a group of goofballs go to the Amazon to film a reboot of the 1997 *Anaconda.* It seems to want to be a cross between *Tropic Thunder* and *Be Kind Rewind*, both of which, like this film, starred Jack Black, and both of which were far funnier. For that matter, so was the original *Anaconda,* which got unexpected laughs out of the not-yet-garbage Jon Voight as a snake hunter who said things like "Don't make me out a monster. I didn't eat the captain." There's nothing nearly as good in this *Anaconda,* and even though it closes shop in 99 minutes I still checked my watch a bunch of times.

Black stars as Doug, who has wanted to be a big-shot Hollywood movie director since he was a kid and made a video called *The Quatch* with some friends; now he works making wedding videos, trying to sneak in nods to the horror movies he loves. His friend Griff (Paul Rudd) grew up and went to L.A., where he toils as an unappreciated bit actor. These two get together with other childhood buddies, stoner tech guy Kenny (Steve Zahn) and lawyer Claire (Thandiwe Newton), and soon they're in Brazil with a snake handler (Selton Mello). The trained snake they're using doesn't last long, and of course there's a gigantic actual anaconda who fills in, eating people we don't care about.

We don't care about them because they're part of the thing that has killed many a comedy, the Crime Subplot. *Anaconda '25* was directed by Tom Gormican, who also helmed the lackluster meta-comedy *The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent,* which also indulged in an inane Crime Subplot. Here, it involves criminal gold miners, which could either mean a Brazilian woman (Daniela Melchior) who steals the boat the crew uses, or the men pursuing her, or both. Either way, we don't care, because nothing comes of this subplot except padding.

Melchior deserves better; so does everyone else in this thing. Rudd, Black, Zahn, Newton — these are funny people, usually. Newton is more beautiful than ever, and she often outclasses the movie, but when she's required to perform a climactic head-butt her face closes to the camera and we can see she's emotionally done with the film. What a waste. Ione Skye is in here somewhere too as Doug's wife, who gets maybe a handful of lines before the script leaves her behind. A couple of embarrassing cameos from original *Anaconda* players round out this audience-tickling hackwork, which uses the most obvious needle-drops on the soundtrack (yes, "Baby Got Back" gets dusted off) to accompany soul-deadening "action" set pieces.

If *Anaconda* is meant to tease awful re-animation of nearly 30-year-old IP, it shakes out instead as a classic example of the imitative fallacy. These four dreamers team up to make … derivative junk, from the looks of it. They take out a loan and risk their lives to do a reboot that doesn't even look as interesting as *The Quatch.* So *Anaconda* is making fun of aspiring filmmakers who at least have more passion, albeit not talent, than the bozos who made this movie. *The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent* also kidded Nicolas Cage by casting him as a lightly fictionalized version of himself. Tom Gormican seems to enjoy goofing on people who have made much purer movies, even the crap film-within-the-film here, than he has.

Griff gets to deliver the film's moral: he just wants to make stuff with his friends. He and Claire fall in love during the shoot, not that we notice or care; we don't get any sense of chemistry between them on or off the set. Nothing is riding on anything in *Anaconda*; the actors just seem to be play-acting even outside the context of doing scenes for Doug's film. Melchior's character Ana is recruited to act in their movie, and we wait for her to have a change of heart based on being among people who have more on their minds than money, or maybe she becomes smitten with the process of even such cheapjack filmmaking; when that doesn't happen and she's callously disposed of, we sink deeper into our seats and wait for something that means anything. As the end credits mercifully arrive, we're still waiting.

Running For Public Office

On Wednesday, **January 7** at 6:30 pm, The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee will host its annual "So you want to run for Public Office" speaker forum. This meeting will take place in the downstairs public meeting room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library.

The forum will be moderated by Matt Dems Chair Nicki Demakis, and Acting Vice-Chair Frances-Feliz Kearns, Mattapoisett Representative to the ORR School Committee. They will be joined by other local elected representatives who will share their insight about the process of running and winning a successful campaign for any local public office.

This forum is designed to demystify the process of running for local and state public office and encourage civic participation in government. We will provide a road map from pulling papers from your local Clerk in January to Election Day and offer the tools to encourage those who may have thought about running for public office but weren't sure how to do it. We have many of the answers.

Local government works best when it reflects the people it serves. We hope this forum will empower residents with the information and confidence needed to step up and run. This event is open to everyone regardless of party affiliation. For more information, contact Nicki Demakis, Chair Matt Dems at ndemakis@tidhlaw.com or follow us at MattDems.org.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

Kick off 2026 with a visit to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, located at 7 Barstow Street.

Teens ages 14 to 17 are invited to join us on Friday, **January 2** at 2:00 pm for a Game Lounge at the library. Get out of the house and play some video games with your friends.

Gather your family and join us for Family Jeopardy on Saturday, **January 3** at 1:00 pm. Enjoy some friendly competition as your family competes against others in a battle of wits. All ages are welcome. No registration is required.

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to our monthly Teen Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, **January 6**, at 6:00 pm. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is an action-oriented group of students who work to integrate their youthful voices into MFPL's services, programming, goals, and communications. Join us as we discuss ideas for winter reading and prepare to conclude our donation drive for Veterans. New members are always welcome.

The Teen Advisory Board continues collecting new hats, gloves, and scarves to benefit the Veterans Transition House in New Bedford. Donations may be left in the library bins until January 11. TAB appreciates your support of our veterans' needs.

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library's monthly used Book Sale is on Saturday, **January 10**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Book donations will be accepted on Thursday,

Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights Dec 21 – Dec 27
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Delano Rd – General service
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Joanne Dr – MV complaint
- Mill St - Fraud
- Delano Rd – Structure fire
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Washington Park Rd – Officer wanted
- River Rd – Parking enforcement
- South St – Suspicious activity
- Tucker Ln – EMS/medical
- Vine St – Burglar alarm
- Olde Logging Rd – Health/welfare
- Joanne Dr – Paper service
- Quail's Crossing Rd – EMS/medical
- Parkway Ln – Health/welfare
- Village Dr – Noise complaint
- Jenney Ln – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Suspicious activity
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Hammett's Cove Dr – Suspicious person
- Piney Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Oakdale Ave – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Follow up investigation
- Joanne Dr – MV collision
- Hammett's Cove Dr – General service
- Bass Point R d- Burglar alarm

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Dec 21 – Dec 27
- Brandt Island Rd – Animal control
- Acushnet Rd – Ambulance request
- Angelica Ave – Fire alarm
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Animal control
- Snow Fields Rd – Suspicious MV
- North St – MV violations
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – General service
- Snow Fields Rd – Abandoned 911
- County Rd – 911 call
- River Rd – Animal control
- Tupola Ln – Burglar alarm
- Marion Rd – General service
- Beech Wood Rd – Ambulance request
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – Assist citizen
- Fairhaven Rd – Open door
- Main St – MV lockout
- North St – 911 call
- Bayberry Ln – Unattended death
- 195 West – Animal control
- Hitching Post Rd – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd - 911
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – Property found
- County Rd – General service
- Long Plain Rd – Health/welfare
- Wolf Island Rd – General service

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Dec 21 – Dec 27
- Cushman Rd – Appliance fire
- Stuart Rd- Road hazard
- Pierce St – Civil complaint
- Kings Hwy – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Pine St - Medical
- Marion Rd – MV collision
- Stevens Rd – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – MV collision
- Mattapoisett Rd – Animal control
- Mattapoisett Rd - Fraud
- Neck Rd – MV collision
- Rounseville Rd – General services
- Neck Rd – Outside investigation
- Marys Pond Rd - Fraud
- Cushman Rd – MV collision
- Clapp Rd – Road hazard
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- North Ave – MV collision
- High St – Well-being check
- Neck Rd – MV collision
- Gurney Pl – MV complaint
- Braley Hill Rd – Erratic MV/arrest
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Medical alarm
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Boxturtle Dt – Well-being check
- Hiller Rd – Noise complaint

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, Jan 5: Beef chili w/shredded cheese, mixed root vegetable, cornbread bowl, vanilla pudding, diet: fruit
Tuesday, Jan 6: Tuscan chicken, roasted potatoes, vegetable medley, dinner roll, cinnamon apples
Wednesday, Jan 7: Italian sausage w/ peppers & onions, white rice, green peas, wheat roll, shortbread cookie, diet: fruit
Thursday, Jan 8: Meatloaf w/gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, Hawaiian roll, banana
Friday, Jan 9: Seafood Cajun pasta, whole grain pasta, green beans & red peppers, wheat bread, peach fruit cup

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Jan 5: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato
Tuesday, Jan 6: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
Wednesday, Jan 7: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Jan 8: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, seasoned broccoli
Friday, Jan 9: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, Jan 5: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato
Tuesday, Jan 6: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
Wednesday, Jan 7: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Jan 8: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, seasoned broccoli
Friday, Jan 9: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Jan 5: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato
Tuesday, Jan 6: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
Wednesday, Jan 7: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Jan 8: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, seasoned broccoli
Friday, Jan 9: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, Jan 5: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato
Tuesday, Jan 6: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
Wednesday, Jan 7: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Jan 8: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, seasoned broccoli
Friday, Jan 9: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Jan 5: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato
Tuesday, Jan 6: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
Wednesday, Jan 7: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Jan 8: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, seasoned broccoli
Friday, Jan 9: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, Jan 5: Orange chicken bowl & dinner roll
Tuesday, Jan 6: Hot dog, baked beans & fries
Wednesday, Jan 7: American chop suey, green beans & garlic bread
Thursday, Jan 8: Appetizer sampler & carrot sticks
Friday, Jan 9: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

January 8, and Friday, January 9, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the library's meeting room.

Our Silent Book Club returns on Sunday, **January 11**, at 2:00 pm in the upstairs Reading Rooms. Participants will enjoy delicious treats, tea, and quiet time to read. Relax with friends, acquaintances, and strangers while learning about your next favorite book. The event is for patrons ages 16 and up - no registration required.

Emerging adults 20-and-up are invited to join us for our first Literary Society meeting on Tuesday, **January 13**, at 5:30 pm. Literary Society is a quarterly media mixer for young professionals in Mattapoisett and surrounding communities to discuss books, TV shows, movies, and podcasts, and to hear what other similarly-aged patrons are enjoying - no registration required.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is scheduled for Wednesday, **January 14**, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link to the meeting is available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the library at mfpl@sailsinc.org. We can pass along your message to the Friends.

Join Robert Ainsworth at the library on Sunday, **January 18**, at 2:00 pm to hear the story of history's swindlers. From seagoing merchants in the Mediterranean to Charles Ponzi in the 1920s, to Bernie Madoff in the 1990s, and to bitcoin on the internet, people have wanted to get rich quick. They want easy money - the money others sweated to make and had the discipline to save.

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And they'll stop at nothing to get it. No registration required.

Join our next Board Game Club on Tuesday, **January 20**, at 6:00 pm. This month's pick is "Ticket to Ride," a turn-based strategy game where players collect various types of train car cards to claim railway routes across North America. Recommended for 2 to 5 players, but teams can be formed to accommodate more players.*If you've never played before, please arrive 15 minutes early to review the rules. Space is limited. Register online to save your spot.

Join Cathy Karp, a former Montessori art school teacher, for another Visible Mending workshop* on Saturday, **January 24**, from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Cathy's

Super Crossword

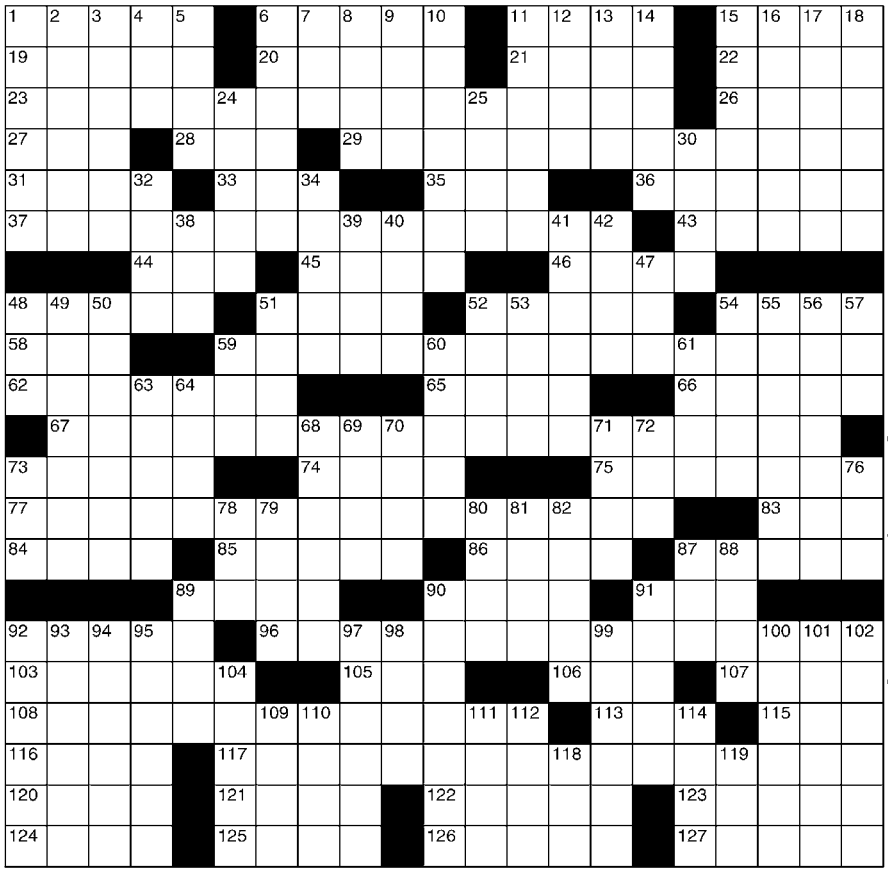
SIX-E-SOMETHINGS

ACROSS

1 Audibly
6 Mission —, California
11 Spill the beans
15 Golf coups
19 Perceive
20 — Good Feelings
21 Many a "Hee Haw" character
22 Boxing event
23 Involuntary leg reactions
26 Stimulate
27 — yung (Chinese dish)
28 Rocket downer, for short
29 Relative of a tank top
31 "O Fortuna" composer Carl
33 Some arm muscles, informally
35 No. on a road sign
36 "And that's that"
37 Note that recommends a job applicant, e.g.
43 Wood-dressing tools
44 Pigsty stuff
45 In the thick of
46 Dark, gloomy rock genre
48 Fast, sporty auto
51 "My treat"
52 Greek "S"
54 Face cover
58 WWW address
59 Longer-than-normal prison term
62 Cat breed
65 Region
66 Long-unshaven
67 What "have solved" is in, in terms of grammar
73 Ad awards
74 Utilize a Juul device, e.g.
75 Aided in evil
77 In bed
83 Yoko of the avant-garde
84 Utters
85 Stimulate
86 "Dame" Everage
87 Cleric's home
89 Oregano, e.g.
90 Telly watcher
91 "Help us!"
92 Cat food brand
96 Innermost parts
103 Cuba's largest city
105 "Norma —"
106 Get it wrong
107 Cel figure
108 Fir or spruce
113 — Lingus
115 Cato's 1,101
116 Monopoly expense
117 2020 drama thriller film
120 El —, Texas
121 "Why should — you?"
122 Concur
123 Carried, as a load
124 Loads
125 Stitches up
126 Lunchtimes, often
127 Pack-toting equines

DOWN

1 Solicit
2 "The Raven" maiden
3 Done just a single time
4 Purpose
5 "It's — vu all over again"
6 Pests like rats and roaches
7 Rile
8 Lobed body parts
9 "Piano Man" singer Billy
10 Proposed for consideration
11 Nominal military promotion
12 Poshness
13 Cain's victim
14 Plagued (by)
15 Treated badly
16 Congress' Alexandria Ocasio- —
17 University of Oregon's city
18 Spirited horses
24 Abated
25 Riga native, old-style
30 Old Iranian ruler
32 Disaster relief gp.
34 Insufficient
38 Futuristic sci-fi play of 1921
39 Single-named supermodel
40 Mortgage claim
41 Case for ova
42 Italy's capital
47 Beige
48 Gloomy —
49 Level just below major league
50 Lucidness
51 Plow beasts
52 Feudal peon
53 Concept, in Calais
54 Signified
55 Jennifer of "The Switch"
56 Lint catchers
57 Lock partner
59 Memphis-to-Atlanta dir.
60 Has the gumption
61 Fare- — -well
63 Feline cries
64 Cato's "to be"
68 Cathode-ray picture producer
69 Oom- — (tuba sounds)
70 Sword type
71 "Ciao!"
72 Samantha Bee's station
73 "NCIS" network
76 Stag's mate
78 Prior to, in odes
79 Opposite of south, in France
80 That girl's
81 Fix text
82 — nous (in confidence)
87 "The Simpsons" bartender
88 Admin. aide
89 With 118-Down, do a surfing stunt
90 Brewski container
91 Fastener fitting into a nut
92 Helper in the Himalayas
93 Lace into
94 "OK, but still ..."
95 Red Cross founder Clara
97 Film director Lubitsch and physicist Mach
98 Liver spread
99 Wipes clean
100 Actress Suzanne
101 Epoch of the first whales
102 "Blade" star Wesley
104 "— a jealous mistress"
109 Jennifer of "Zero Dark Thirty"
110 "So nasty!"
111 Hence
112 Architect Saarinen
114 Singer McEntire
118 See 89-Down
119 Boxing wallops



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With the new year's opportunities almost within reach, the Arian's courageous aspects are raring to go. And don't be surprised if a lot of people follow the zodiac's most trusted leader.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Change lies ahead for the brave Bovine who is ready to shuck off the tried-and-true to try something new. But appearances can be deceptive. Check it all out before you charge into anything.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This week promises a peek into what the new year holds for the GEMINI Twins, both in love and careers. Family matters continue to be a factor in decisions you're going to be facing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) As you move into the new year, travel aspects grow stronger, and you might find yourself making decisions about a destination and a traveling companion sooner than you'd expected.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The new year holds both glitter and gold. This means LEOs and LEOnas should begin getting the facts they'll need to separate the real thing from the sham in order to make important decisions next year.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A good way to start the new year might be to arrange for a visit to someone you haven't seen in a long time. You might also want to pick up that project you put off a while back.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) As you contemplate the new year's potential, you might want to talk things over with people who are or have been where you want to go. Their experience and advice can be helpful.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone close to you might feel you have no more room for him or her in your life. This calls for immediate reassurance of your love so you can start the new year on a high note.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The coming year will bring more people into your life. Some situations might not work out as well as others. But overall, everyone earns something, and that's always a good thing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The new year could find you indulging in one or more of the hobbies you've always wanted to take up. And don't be surprised if they ultimately direct you toward a new career.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The artistic Aquarian should find more opportunities in the new year. You might even make some potentially helpful contacts as you gather to ring in the year 2009.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The new year offers challenges for Pisceans who want to make better use of the skills they now have and learn new ones. Personal relationships show stronger positive aspects.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you sometimes tend to be a bit judgmental, nevertheless, you are generous and caring and very much beloved.

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workshop will introduce patrons to the art of mending textiles. Participants will learn to use embroidery, patching, and darning techniques to create unique, sustainable pieces that give new life to old clothing. Attendees are encouraged to bring a few items they want to mend; all other materials will be provided. This program is recommended for teens through seniors. Space is limited. Registration is required. *The workshop lasts three hours, so bring a light snack or a covered beverage.

The Well-Read Wednesdays Nonfiction Book Group meets on the Fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Marine Room. The next meeting is scheduled for **January 28**. We will discuss "Everyone Who Is Gone Is Here: The United States, Central America, and the Making of a Crisis" by Jonathan Blitzer. New members welcome. No registration required.

Please remember that a library card is required at checkout. If your card is missing, we can replace it. To avoid losing it again, download the SAILS mobile app. It's an excellent alternative to carrying your physical library card. Please see a librarian if you need help or have questions. Your privacy is important to us. Let's protect it together.

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

Moby-Dick Marathon

The 30th Annual Moby-Dick Marathon will be taking place **January 3** to **January 4** at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. This beloved tradition is one of the museum's most anticipated events of the year with distinguished guests reading aloud from the iconic narrative. Mattapoisett resident East End Eddie Doherty will be reading on January 4 at 6:40 am in the Cook Memorial Theatre. The author and retired clerk-magistrate will help bring Melville's masterpiece to life as three decades of this literary marathon are celebrated. These voices will help keep this tradition vibrant and meaningful – a fitting tribute to Herman Melville and the spirit of New Bedford. Admission is free until Sunday at 1:00 pm.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Happy New Year from the Rochester Historical Society. Thank you for your support throughout 2025. While we will be closed until Spring, as always, we are happy to open by appointment. Just give us a heads up, so we can heat up the building. If you have a historical question or want to make a donation of any type, you can get in touch at sash48@comcast.net or 508-295-8908 or eshbach2@aol.com or 617-750-2818.

We will be starting our membership drive in

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Christmas Tree pick up in Mattapoisett is scheduled for 2 weeks, January 5th through January 16th, 2026.
Christmas trees should be placed Curbside by 7:00AM on your Regularly Scheduled Rubbish Pick-up day. Trees in plastic bags or with ornaments will NOT be picked up.
Trees are also accepted at the Transfer Station on Tinkham Hill Rd.
If you have questions please contact Mattapoisett Highway Dept at 508-758-4181.
Thank you!

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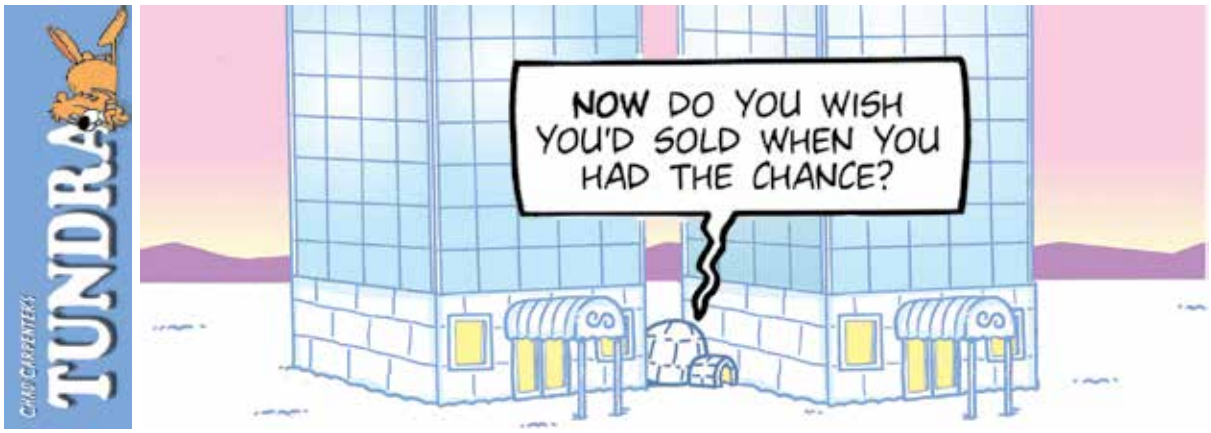
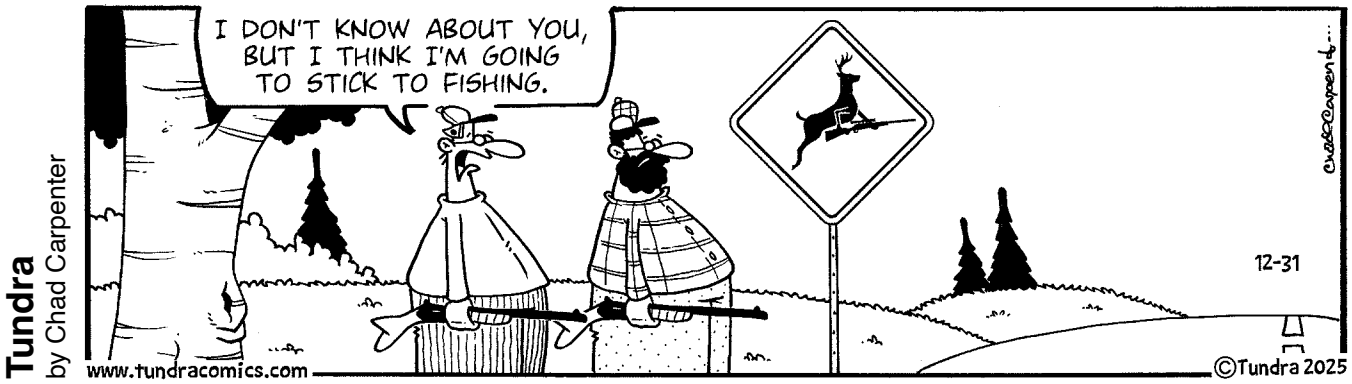

TUNDRA
CHAD CARPENTER
NOW DO YOU WISH YOU'D SOLD WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE?


Tundra
by Chad Carpenter
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I THINK I'M GOING TO STICK TO FISHING.
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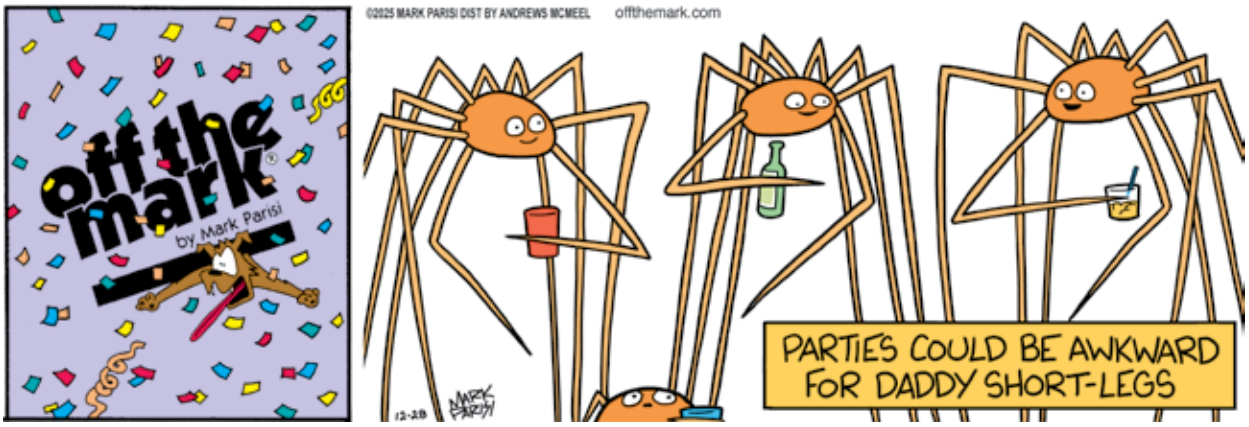
off the mark
by Mark Parisi
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PARTIES COULD BE AWKWARD FOR DADDY SHORT-LEGS

Amber Waves
by Dave T. Phipps
WHOA, BOYS, LAST FARM ON THE ROUTE. A FAMILY WITH A LITTLE FELLA NAMED GERALD LIVES HERE.
I RECALL THE ELVES HAVING SOME ISSUE AS TO WHERE TO PLACE HIM, ON THE NAUGHTY OR NICE LIST.
WOW, THERE'S ACTUALLY A DISCLAIMER AFTER HIS NAME.

January. Our first meeting of 2026 will be **April 15** at 7:00 pm at the Museum. So far, that meeting will be Genealogy and the Revolution.

Our current exhibit, "The Tools and Industries That Made Rochester" will still be up this spring. Late spring, early summer, we will be debuting our 2026 exhibit, "Rochester and the Revolution". Many of our upcoming 2026 events will be in collaboration with others in our community, among them: Plumb Library, Rochester Historical Commission and the COA.

Have a happy and healthy new year and we hope you'll be joining us.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **January 7**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street, Mattapoisett. Social time begins at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Our speaker will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning another satisfying meal. Callers, please send your counts by 9:00 pm Monday, January 5. Please submit inquiries to cwmccullough@comcast.net.

Marion Democratic Town Committee

The Marion Democratic Town Committee welcomes all residents to its monthly meeting at 5:30 pm **January 15**. The committee will meet at the Elizabeth Taber Library, 8 Spring Street. The agenda will cover plans for the coming year. We also will discuss possible questions that concern Marion residents which we will ask Rep. Mark Sylvia, who will be invited to a meeting with the group this spring.

Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Lions Club, a member of Lions International, the world's largest service club organization consisting of 46,000 clubs and more than 1,400,000 members worldwide, is pleased to announce the availability of two (2) - $2,000 scholarships to be awarded this year to a graduating high school senior or home-schooled student residing in Mattapoisett, Marion, or Rochester or a school-choice student attending Old Rochester Regional High School. In addition, we are pleased to announce the availability of one (1) $1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior who will be entering the trades and attending an accredited trade school OR tool reimbursement of up to $1,000 with proof of purchase to a graduating senior who will directly be entering the trades with an apprenticeship agreement.

The funds for the Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship are raised through fundraisers held by the Mattapoisett Lions Club throughout the year, including Harbor Days, an annual Arts and Craft Festival held in Shipyard Park, Mattapoisett every third weekend of July.

The Lions Club motto is "We Serve," one of the largest charitable causes of Lions International includes raising funds for eye research in an effort to end preventable blindness throughout the world, eradicating measles worldwide in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and here at home providing services for those in need in our communities.

To obtain an application, learn more about this award or to learn how to become a member of the Lions

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Site Plan Review application filed by Town of Rochester for the property located at 1 Constitution Way identified on Assessor's Map 31, Lot 31.

The applicant is proposing to clear land behind town hall and re-grade with 12" gravel base and stone surface to provide an 8,220 sq ft parking area with a 10-ft wide mulched border on three sides with stormwater management system consisting of grass swale and detention pond. The applicant's representative is Charon Associates, Inc., 323 Neck Road, Rochester, MA 02770.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours.
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89879589414
Meeting ID: 898 7958 9414
Or Call: 1 646 876 9923
Arnold Johnson, Chairman 12/25, 1/1

PUBLIC NOTICE

There is a 1989 Pointer 17' located at our storage facility on Lake Street in Chatham, MA. The last registered owners are Peter Havel and Lynn Buckley of 66 Holly Road, Marion, MA. Balance due on storage fees are $6008.00. The boat will be accorded "abandoned" status unless immediate remedy is made. 12/25, 1/1, 1/8

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Rochester, MA, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30B, invites sealed proposals from qualified firms for the Fiber Loop Construction & IT Improvements Project. Proposal and other procurement documents for this Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available beginning Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 12 pm, and may be obtained at:
Town Administrator's Office
1 Constitutional Way
Rochester, MA 02770

Sealed proposals clearly marked "Fiber Loop Construction & IT Improvements" on the exterior envelope must be received at the Town Administrators Office, Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitutional Way, Rochester, MA 02770 no later than Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 12 pm. Price proposals must be enclosed in their own sealed envelope within the proposal envelope and clearly marked as directed in the RFP. All proposals submitted must be in conformity with all pertinent statutes and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Town reserves the right to reject all proposals; to waive any minor defects, informalities, or irregularities; and to award any contracts or cancel this RFP if it is in the Town's best interest to do so.

Wages are subject to minimum wage rates determined by the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 149, Sec. 26 to 27H. The schedule of wage rates applicable to this contract is included in the bidding documents. You will be required to pay the rates set out in any updated prevailing wage schedule. Increases in prevailing wage schedules will not be the basis for change order requests. The successful bidder will be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance demonstrating current coverage of the type and amounts set forth in the RFP. The successful bidder will be required to

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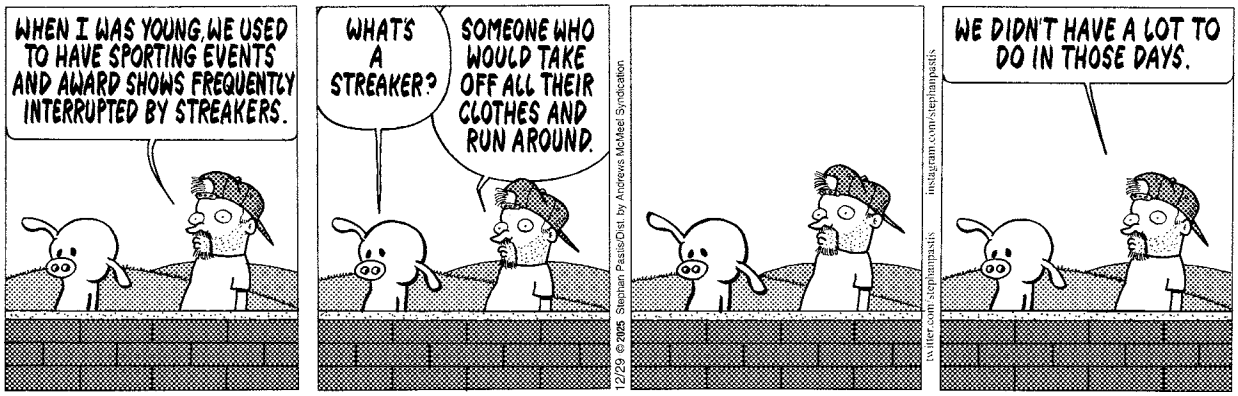
off the mark by Mark Parisi

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis


WHEN I WAS YOUNG, WE USED TO HAVE SPORTING EVENTS AND AWARD SHOWS FREQUENTLY INTERRUPTED BY STREAKERS.
WHAT'S A STREAKER?
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Club, visit our website, www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org. Award applications are also available through the guidance department at your high school.

Applications must be received by **March 28**.

Forest Bathing

Sippican Land Trust will host Forest Bathing with Forest Therapy Guide Diane Pienta on Saturday, **January 3**, at 10:00 am at the Osprey Marsh, Point Road in Marion.

Inspired by the Japanese practice of Shinrin Yoku to mitigate stress of modern-day life, this guided experience offers the opportunity to interact with Nature in a way that invites a deeper connection with the land and ourselves.

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Diane is a certified Forest Therapy guide and is passionate about connecting people and the land. She has guided numerous walks for private groups as well as larger institutions.

The event is limited to 10 participants. To register or for more information, visit our website: Sippicanlandstrust.org.

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). New meeting format: the start time is 6:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 15, 2026

CONTINUATION OF CASE #1579 Petition of Water Street Property Management, LLC. RE: 6 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 182 on the Assessor's Map. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 57453, Page 345. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to construct a 2-story porch addition along the westerly side of the building. The 1st floor will have a 7'x18.67' enclosed porch with a 7'x4' landing on the north side. The 2nd floor will be 7'x27 and will be constructed over the new landing and the existing brick porch/steps (located to the south). The roof will have a 12' overhang.

CASE #1580 Petition of Michael J. & Tiffany M. Amaral - 3 Harbor Road Neck, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: 3 Harbor Road Neck, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 12, Lot 196 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District W30. It is recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 46132, Page 23. The applicant is seeking a Variance, as provided by Use of and at variance with district requirements, as stated in Section 5.1.5.4.3.2 of the By-Law, and as provided by Section 7.2.3. The applicant proposes to construct a 24x36 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) within 10 feet of the side property line and 23.6 ft from the street setback.

CASE #1581 Petition of William F. Madden – 11 Melissa Anne Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: 11 Melissa Anne Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 20, Lot 7T on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District RR80. It is recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 56289, Page 38. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided by Sections 3.2.2 and 7.2.2 of the By-Law. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to construct a 26'W x 60'L, four bay detached garage. The proposed building is 1,560 square feet with a 120

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square foot overhang in area, 1,680 sq ft in total. The garage is to be located on a 12.67-acre, mostly wooded, parcel, and will be located over 700 feet beyond the layout of Melissa Anne Lane and will not be visible from the street or adjacent dwellings.

CASE #1582 Petition of Leslie E. Maxwell T. Richmond - 4 Parker Street Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: 4 Parker Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 17, Lot 139 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District RR45 (Pre 1973 RR15). It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds. Book 45603, Page 47. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided by Sections 6.5 of the By-Law and as provided by Section 7.2.2. The applicant proposes to raze and reconstruct a new 24x30 garage with a great room above to service the existing single-family dwelling on a pre-existing lot.

CASE #1583 Petition of Russell W. Chase Jr. & Lynne F. Chase – 7 Ridgewood Road & Sparrow Hill Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: 7 Ridgewood Road & Sparrow Hill Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot17, Lot278 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District RR-45. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds, Book 4207, Page 31. The applicant is seeking a Variance with district requirements as stated in section 6.5 of By-Law and as provided by Section 7.2.3 and Special Permit as provided by Section 3.1.2.2, 6.2.1, 6.2.2,

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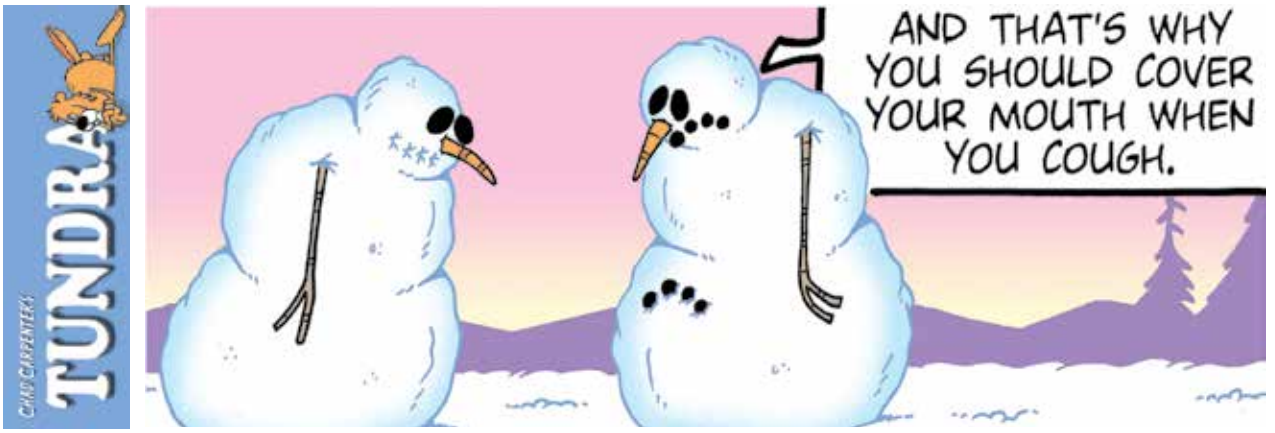

Accessory Dwelling Unit Presentation

There will be an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Presentation on Wednesday, **January 7** at 5:30 pm at the Marion Council on Aging presented by Buz Artiano will be here along with Bob Grillo, Marion Building Commissioner.

You Will Learn: What is an ADU? What goes into making an ADU? Who is an ADU for? What can YOU build? What are the ADU laws? There will also be a question-and-answer period, light refreshments will be served.

Call for Entries for the Winter Members' Show

The Marion Art Center announces a call for entries for the Winter Members' Show opening **January 10** with a reception from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The show runs through February 6. All members may enter a piece. Works must be original, must have been executed by the artist within the last five years, and must not have been previously shown at the Marion Art Center. The MAC will not exhibit works that are in poor condition (including frame) or are not properly prepared for easy installation.

To exhibit, members should drop off artwork at the MAC at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion, on Saturday, **January 3** between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or Tuesday, January 6, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Artists may download and print the consignment agreement ahead of time, found online at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit. Anyone wishing to participate who is not yet a member can join online any time at marionartcenter.org/join. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit.

Open Table Is Back

Mattapoisett Congregational Church is very excited to announce that Open Table is back with 3 dinners planned for **January 9, February 27,** and **March 13** (weather permitting), so be sure to mark your calendar now. The OT crew hopes to see you on January 9 for the first of 3 delicious meals served in Reynard Hall at Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. Doors open at 4:30 pm and supper will be served at 5:00 pm. Invite a friend or neighbor. All are welcome.

Local Teens Request Warm Weather Donations for Veterans

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) requests your help collecting NEW hats, gloves, and scarves through **January 11**.

TAB recognizes that winter can be especially difficult for veterans, so our members have teamed up with The Veterans Transition House in New Bedford to help. Your donations of NEW hats, gloves, and scarves will offer much-needed warmth and comfort to those who've served our country. Please drop off your contributions in the boxes at the Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett by January 11.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Lawrence, Adult Services Librarian, at ALawrence@sailsinc.org or call the library at 508-758-4171.

Thank you for your support and compassion for our veterans. The Teen Advisory Board and The Veterans Transition House truly appreciate your kindness.

Marion Art Center Auditions

The MAC is auditioning actors for the comedy, The 39 Steps, adapted by Patrick Barlow from the novel by John Buchan. The play will be directed by John

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and 6.5 of By-Law and as provided by Paragraph 7.2.2.2 thru 7.2.2.2.7. The applicant proposes to unmerge the two properties and restore them to their original conditions as of July 1973. A Special Permit is requested for the Sparrow Hill Road lot to be further developed by the construction of a future house attached to the existing garage, in accordance with the requirements of the April 3, 1973 – R-15 zoning district. A variance is requested for the 5.4 ft. rear setback vs. the minimum 30ft requirement.

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours.
Sincerely,
Susan Akin, Chair
Tony Tranfaglia , Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues
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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Carol C. Amick, for the reconstruction of a single-family dwelling at 14 Quelle Lane.

The site is further identified as Lot 170 & 171 on Marion Assessors' Map 19. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review.
Matthew Shultz, Chair
*Please contact Olivia Prior at oprior@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 1/1

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
SELECT BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held upon the petition of NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a Eversource Energy request permission to locate poles, wires, cables, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways: CRYSTAL SPRINGS RD.

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Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground cables, conduits, wires and necessary equipment in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with the poles and buildings as each may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioners agree to reserve space for one crossarm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

The hearing will be held in the first floor Conference Room on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:40 p.m. The Board meeting is also available via ZOOM. Sign on information is on the Town website.
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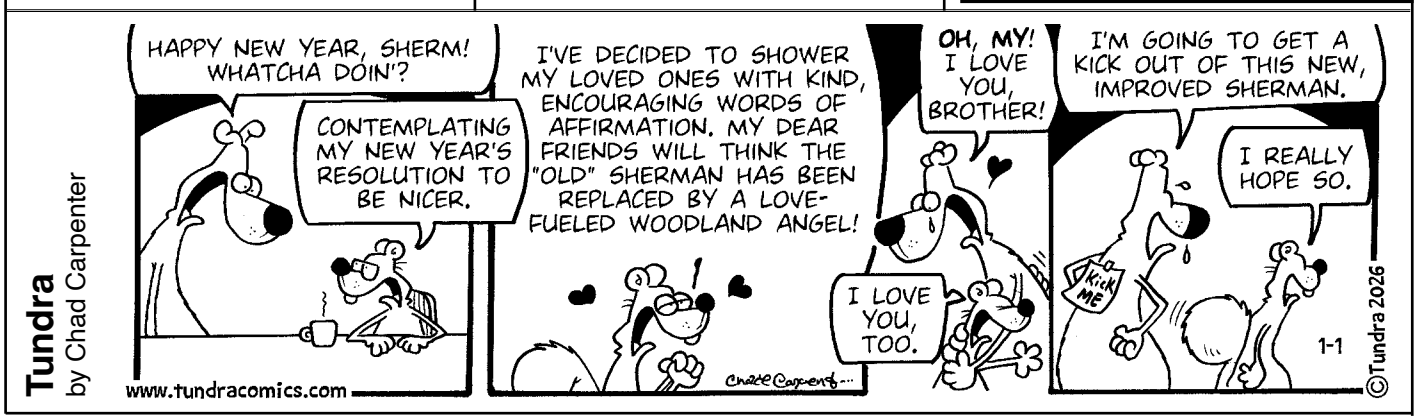
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Heavey. The auditions will be held at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater located at 80 Pleasant St., Marion, MA on Saturday, **January 3** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and on Sunday, **January 4** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. There are nine performance dates: March 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22. Evening shows are at 7:30 pm, and Sunday matinees are at 2:00 pm.

The 39 Steps is a fast-paced, slapstick comedy thriller where an ordinary man, Richard Hannay, is framed for murder and must go on the run to stop a spy ring from stealing vital British military secrets. The humor derives from the entire story being performed by a small cast who play over 150 characters, often making rapid costume and character changes. One actor plays the hero, Richard Hannay; an actress plays the three women with whom he has romantic entanglements; other actors play every other character in the show, each occasionally playing multiple characters at once. Thus, Alfred Hitchcock film's serious spy story is given a comedic, zany twist.

Although The 39 Steps was originally produced with just four actors, the MAC production's casting will be flexible with regard to gender and doubling or even tripling of roles. The two exceptions are that Hannay will be played by one man throughout and Pamela and Annabella will be played by a single woman. Auditions will be cold readings from selected scenes of the script. In casting we are looking for versatile performers with a rich imagination who can make bold, physical choices. Find the full character list, along with more information, at marionartcenter.org/auditions.

MWC Great Decisions Discussion Group

Do you have plans on Wednesday afternoons this winter? Get out of the house and join a thoughtful group of tri-town residents who seek to learn more about the world we live in. The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is offering the Great Decisions Program, a weekly in-person gathering where local residents meet to discuss foreign policy topics in an informal atmosphere. Moderators take turns launching the discussion which often includes guest speakers or videos to kick it off. Topic materials are provided in advance by the nonprofit, nonpartisan Foreign Policy Association. The conversation is friendly and welcoming of all perspectives. We offer light refreshments, coffee and tea. You don't have to be a foreign policy expert to participate–just someone who wants to become an informed global citizen.

Great Decisions meets Wednesdays from **January 14** through **March 4** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the downstairs Community Room at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street.

Registration is limited to 30 people and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is open to all members of the Mattapoisett community and surrounding towns.

To register please submit your information using the following link: forms.gle/836hn9gX8m6wKyLu9 and send a check made out to the Mattapoisett Woman's Club for $40.00 to cover text and expenses. If two registrants are sharing one book the price is $50.00. If you prefer to mail in your registration, please include your name, address, email address and phone number on a piece of paper and include it with your check and mail it to: Mattapoisett Woman's Club, Box 1444 Mattapoisett MA 02739, Attn: Treasurer (memo on check Great Decisions).

If you have any questions, please email: mfpl@sailsinc.org.

Abigail Adams Returns

Abigail Adams, considered by many to be one of the founders of the United States, will be brought to life on **April 12** by Sheryl Faye, the actress renowned for her dramatic portrayals of historic women. This important fundraising presentation, in honor of our nation's sesquicentennial, is sponsored by the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library of Marion as the featured event at their annual spring Tea at the Marion Music Hall. To further the festive celebration there will be prizes given for most creative hat, the most patriotic outfit (for man or woman), as well as a Revolutionary trivia contest. Details will be forthcoming.

Showstoppers Performance Troupe Seeking Local Talent

The Showstoppers community-service singing troupe is seeking talented youth for its 24th season. Boys and girls in grades 2 to 12 with singing ability are encouraged to apply.

Candidates are asked to submit 2 audition videos, one ballad and one upbeat song, for review. Call backs will be in person by appointment. Submissions do not need to be professionally done and can be recordings of solos in previous school productions. We are looking for kids with great potential.

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community by providing musical entertainment to the elderly at nursing homes, senior centers, and assisted living facilities throughout the Southcoast. The troupe also performs for the community at-large through a variety of private and public venues, including fairs, festivals, schools, malls, charitable fundraisers and other civic events.

Videos and/or video links should be sent to ShowstoppersME@gmail.com. Email for more information or call 508-758-4525.

Showstoppers Musical Entertainment is a subsidiary of Showstoppers Performing Arts, Inc., an all-volunteer non-profit organization. Follow them on Facebook to keep updated on their activities: www.facebook.com/showstopppers.us.

South Coast Chamber Music Series

The South Coast Chamber Music Series offers a Place to Pause. When life moves too fast and the world feels loud, we all need a place to pause. The South Coast Chamber Music Series returns this fall with five weekends of transformative musical storytelling designed to help you slow down, breathe deeper, and reconnect - with yourself, with others, and with the beauty around you.

From soulful string quartets to joyful piano quintets, this season invites you on a journey through soundscapes that stir the spirit and quiet the mind. Whether you're seeking inspiration, healing, or just a moment to exhale, there's space for you here.

Under the inspired direction of pianist and Artistic Director Janice Weber, the 2025-2026 season is a vibrant mix of the familiar and the unexpected - featuring beloved classics, boundary-pushing works by contemporary composers, and rare gems that surprise and delight.

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Winter Fire - **January 31** and **February 1**: Melt the midwinter chill with fiery string quartets and Mendelssohn's soaring piano trio. Music to spark your spirit.

Story Time - **March 28** and **March 29**: Let every note tell a tale. From Appalachian traditions to Middle Eastern laments, these works bring global stories to your ears - and your heart.

Foursomes - **May 2** and **May 3**: Four voices. Infinite emotion. This season finale delivers serenity and storm alike, with music by Brahms, Roustom, and more.

Concerts take place Saturdays at 3:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion and Sundays at 3:00 pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in South Dartmouth. Tickets: Individual concerts: $35 (advanced purchase required), Season subscription: $140 for all five concerts (save 20%. Available through October 3).

To reserve your seat and find your moment of stillness, visit nbsymphony.org or call 508-999-6276 ext. 222.

The South Coast Chamber Music Series (SCCMS) was formed to present superior chamber music for the communities of Southeastern Massachusetts. SCCMS held its first subscription series concert on October 20, 2001. Since then, we have performed composers from Bach, Brahms, and Ravel to present-day masters Takemitsu and Piston. Each program presents an engaging array of styles, timbres, and artists in lively acoustic environments in Marion and South Dartmouth. We joined forces with the NBSO in 2014, giving both organizations an opportunity to expand in all directions - more concerts, more musicians, and more music - and are thrilled to connect with our loyal and growing audience.

Naval Sea Cadet Corps

Gosnold Division and Training Ship Patriot State of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps are welcoming new applicants to the training program at Mass. Maritime Academy. Young men and women between the ages of 11 and 17 who may be interested in nautical or military opportunities are encouraged to join.

Scheduled events include an annual Swim Meet, community service, parades, ceremonies, marksmanship training, skills competition weekend at Joint Base Cape Cod and many other activities, as well as annual summer training, nationwide.

Training is conducted on alternating Saturdays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm at Mass. Maritime Academy. Interested applicants should contact Lt. Cdr. James McLoughlin at 508-759-8606. View us on Facebook at Gosnold Division.

Marion Vaccination Information

The Marion Board of Health would like to let residents know that they still have flu and COVID-19 vaccines available.

If you are in need of in-home vaccination appointments, these are administered through the Marion Community EMS Program.

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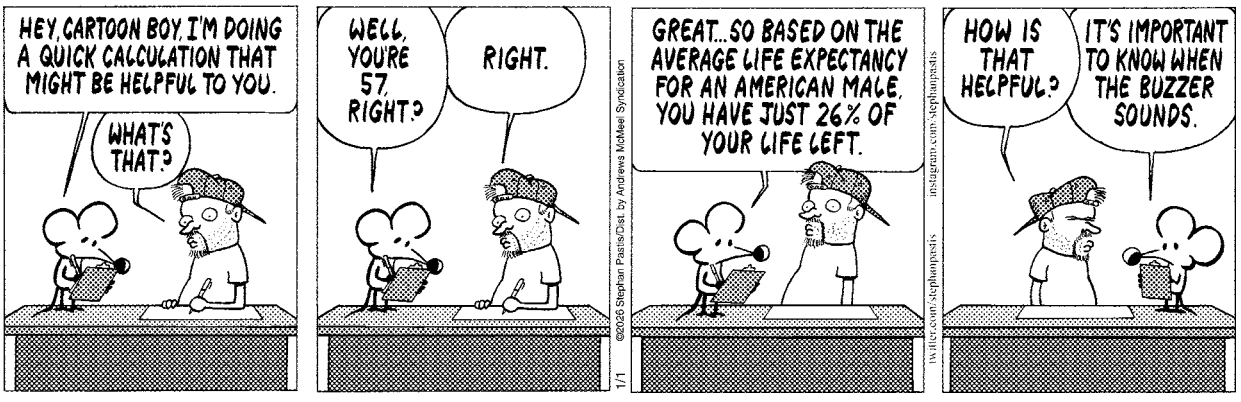
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WELL, YOU'RE 57, RIGHT?
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GREAT... SO BASED ON THE AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY FOR AN AMERICAN MALE, YOU HAVE JUST 26% OF YOUR LIFE LEFT.
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Mattapoisett Congregational Church

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church's steeple is lit nightly and is a beacon of welcome and comfort to all. The Beacon of Light was started as a way to celebrate and honor loved ones or special occasions. If you would like the steeple to be lit in remembrance of, in celebration of, or in honor of a loved one or blessed event, please call the church office at 508-758-2671 or email mattcongchurch@gmail.com for more information. We welcome and encourage multiple entries each month. This is a special way to celebrate our beautiful steeple, as a Beacon of Light in Mattapoisett, and to financially support our church. Thank you for your donation.

Birthday Parties at the MAC

The Marion Art Center's Arts & Crafts instructor Aylin Cetik is offering birthday parties in the MAC Studio. Parties for ages 4 and up will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays, with 15 to 20 minutes reserved at the end of the party for a sweet treat. Available times are 10:00 am to 11:30 am or 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Suggested party themes include: mermaids, fairies, outer space, pirates, art and science, or custom. The cost is $275 for up to ten guests and $15 for each additional child with a maximum of 15 children. Add-on options include outdoor lawn games or other activities by request, for an additional fee. For more information and to inquire about dates, email aylincetik@gmail.com.

American Legion: Florence Eastman Post #28

All Southcoast Active Service Military, Reservists and Veterans are invited to join the monthly meetings of the American Legion: Florence Eastman Post #28.

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We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1900 (7:00 pm).

Florence Eastman Post is located at 3 Depot Street, Mattapoisett. Tri-Town Veterans Office: www.mattapoisett.net/tri-town-veterans-office.

Real Estate Transactions

See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com

Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Hussey, Ruth Mccawley TR Geoffroy, Ruth Mccawley TR 40 Long Plain Road RT	Yard, Judith A	0 Long Plain Rd Lot D	Mattapoisett	12/10/2025	285,000.00
Tetreault, Robert P Tetreault, Christine A	Ulianelli, Michael CKDS TR 19 Sarahbeth Lane IT	19 Sarahbeth Ln	Rochester	12/10/2025	730,000.00
Graham, John P Jr Graham, Joanna L	Sarajon Realty LLC	527 High St	Rochester	12/10/2025	739,900.00
Barry, Joseph F III Barry, Lisa R	Wellde, Paula Tufts	31 Split Rock Ln	Mattapoisett	12/11/2025	945,000.00
Pontes, Andrew Pontes, Andrea C	Hathaway, Noah Hathaway, Taylor	9 Mayflower Ln	Rochester	12/12/2025	765,000.00
Mozer, Carroll Noel Mozer, Kurt	Bourdon, Robert W TR Denham, Deborah M TR 6 Meadowbrook Lane Trust	6 Meadowbrook Ln	Mattapoisett	12/12/2025	500,000.00
Eger, Bryan Eger, Maura	Fellens, Katherine M R	70 Main St	Marion	12/12/2025	1,188,000.00
Hannan, Joseph	Quinn, Judith A TR Quinn-dupont, Maureen TR Quinn 2010 Realty Trust	11 Joanne Dr	Marion	12/12/2025	650,000.00
Nightlinger, Jennifer Maynard, Hudson	Conway, Thomas A Vigeant, Deborah A	7 Abby Ln	Mattapoisett	12/15/2025	705,000.00
Oliveira Investment Inc	Warren, Christopher J Grace, Joyce F Est	22 Randall Rd	Mattapoisett	12/16/2025	340,000.00
Captain Hadley Realty LLC	Sky, Development Ltd	345 Front St	Marion	12/16/2025	570,000.00
Hugh Marie Trust LLC	Sky, Development Ltd	350-354 Front St	Marion	12/16/2025	2,500,000.00

off the mark by Mark Parisi

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	January 1	5:40	6:07		12:14
Friday	January 2	6:36	7:01		1:09
Saturday	January 3	7:29	7:53	12:30	2:02
Sunday	January 4	8:20	8:44	1:27	2:50
Monday	January 5	9:10	9:35	2:21	3:30
Tuesday	January 6	9:59	10:26	3:12	4:05
Wednesday	January 7	10:49	11:18	3:59	4:38
Thursday	January 8	11:38		4:46	5:12
Friday	January 9	12:10	12:27	5:38	5:52
Saturday	January 10	1:01	1:16	6:43	6:39
Sunday	January 11	1:52	2:06	8:08	7:34
Monday	January 12	2:45	3:02	9:21	8:34
Tuesday	January 13	3:45	4:04	10:15	9:32
Wednesday	January 14	4:44	5:02	10:59	10:25
Thursday	January 15	5:34	5:49	11:41	11:13
Friday	January 16	6:16	6:30		12:23
Saturday	January 17	6:53	7:08		1:04
Sunday	January 18	7:29	7:46	12:42	1:43

Phases of the Moon		
	Full Moon	January 3rd
	Last Quarter	January 10th
	New Moon	January 18th
	First Quarter	January 26th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on ***I Found the Aardvark***

In the December 25, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 38

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Weasel; 2. Abode; 3. Answer; 4. Alien

Today's Word

SWALLOW

Sudoku Answer

2	1	8	9	3	5	6	4	7
7	5	3	4	6	1	8	9	2
6	9	4	2	8	7	3	5	1
4	8	5	3	2	9	1	7	6
3	2	1	5	7	6	4	8	9
9	7	6	1	4	8	5	2	3
5	4	7	6	1	2	9	3	8
1	3	2	8	9	4	7	6	5
8	6	9	7	5	3	2	1	4

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Friends' marketplace

at PLUMB CORNER

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Orbit
Gum
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8 oz. Pkg. Ball
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Mozzarella Cheese
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10 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
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Hummus
2/$7

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12-16 oz. Selected Variety
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Progresso Soup
$2.59

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Fresh
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